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Wanted Ryan 'hiding out' in Republic

Tories allege priest was involved in Chelsea bomb

- The Roman Catholic priest wanted in connection with alleged IRA terrorist offences slipped the net yesterday
- Irish police made no attempt to detain Mr Patrick Ryan when he booked himself out of a Dublin clinic
- His sudden disappearance in the midst of an extradition dispute provoked strong denunciations from MPs
- Mr Ryan, who is supected of involvement in 185 explosions, is said to be staying at a religious house

By Jamie Dettmer, Frances Gibb, Nicholas Wood and Richard Ford

Father Patrick Ryan, the Roman Catholic priest wanted in connection with alleged terrorist offences, slipped the net yesterday as Britain continued to seek his extradition from the Irish Republic.

He went to ground after signing himself out of an exclusive Dublin clinic where he was recovering from the 22-day hunger strike he staged in Belgium before being allowed to return to Ireland.

His disappearance provoked "dismay and concern" from Government sources, but relief in the Irish Government, which was faced with the task of deciding whether to implement Britain's extradition request.

Mr Barry Porter, Conservative MP for Wirral South, denounced the Irish authorities for "letting Ryan escape" after learning that Irish detectives patrolling the clinic had not attempted to arrest him.

Ryan left at about midday with the help of his family and lawyer, who had earlier insisted that he would have to spend at least a fortnight in the clinic. His brother, Mr Joe Ryan, said last night that the medical team at the hospital had advised that "it was safe to move him and we arranged for that today". He said his brother was in "a religious house somewhere in Ireland".

Mr Elio Malocco, Ryan's lawyer, said he had also been involved in the decision and would not be giving the address of the hide-out to the Irish authorities. However, if they wished to question Ryan, he would be available.

The anger at Westminster is certain to increase, for *The Times* learnt last night that one of the charges against Ryan is an alleged involvement in the 1981 bombing of the Chelsea barracks, in which two civilians were killed and 40 people injured.

Senior Conservative sources said Ryan had been investigated by army and police intelligence since the middle 1970s.

The disclosure came in the wake of a political storm over the Belgian government's decision to reject a request from Scotland Yard for Ryan's extradition to Britain, flying him to Dublin instead.

The Foreign Office has told Belgium that the Government "very much regrets" the decision not to extradite Ryan. Senior government officials described the action as "appalling".

It is understood that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-General, has been advised by anti-terrorist squad officers that Mr Ryan had, for 10 years, allegedly acted as a quartermaster for the IRA.

Sir Patrick is said to believe that Britain has a cast-iron case for his transfer to London to face trial on alleged terrorist offences. He aired those views in a telephone call to Mr John Murray, his Irish counterpart, yesterday. He has already sent Mr Murray a memorandum to back up warrants delivered to the Gardai at the weekend.

The warrants allege that Ryan, aged 58, conspired to commit murder between 1975 and 1988, conspired to cause explosions, including 185 in Northern Ireland using a timing device he had procured, and had been in possession of explosives. One charge alleges the possession of 52 integrated circuits used for detonating explosives.

With the warrants were additional documents needed under the amended Extradition Act, 1987, whereby the Irish Attorney-General has to satisfy himself that there is an intention to prosecute and that there is sufficient evidence.

The dossier, including new warrants, was with the Irish authorities by 6pm on Friday evening, two hours after lawyers in London were told of the Belgian decision not to extradite.

Lawyers are believed to have been confident that there was no defect in the case; that the papers were complete and that the Belgian court that gave the opinion to the Belgian minister (on whether Ryan should be extradited) found the extradition requirements in order.

As the documentation was sent to Ireland by facsimile transmission, the Metropolitan Police requested the Garda to arrest Mr Ryan through the provisional arrest procedure, whereby provisional warrants can be issued pending the arrival of the actual ones.

Britain's request for Ryan's extradition and his disappearance will be discussed at an Irish Cabinet meeting today. It is expected to be some days, however, before the Irish Attorney-General reaches a decision.

The case comes at a particularly sensitive time for Mr Haughey's minority Fianna Fail government, which is under growing criticism, particularly from within its own ranks, for handing over terrorist suspects to courts in Britain.

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- Two readers shared yesterday's £4,000 daily prize, so the Accumulator fund stands at £24,000. There is another chance to win £4,000 today.

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Picasso sets record of £20.9m

Picasso's "Acrobate et jeune Arlequin" became the most expensive twentieth-century work of art at auction when it sold for £20.9 million at Christie's in London last night, double the estimate.

It was bought by an unidentified Japanese man and brings a fortune into the hands of an unnamed descendant of Roger Janssen, the Belgian collector who braved the Nazis in 1939, buying it at the famous "Degenerate Art" auction for SFr 80,000.

"Acrobat et jeune Arlequin" was painted in 1905 when Picasso was 23 and had just arrived in Paris from Spain. It is one of his most important "Rose Period" paintings.

The previous record of £13.7 million for Picasso's "Maternity" was set 10 days ago in New York.

Baptism of Princess

Princess Beatrice of York, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, is to be baptized in the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace on December 20 by Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York.....Page 3

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44 angry midwives resign in regrading protest

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Marching out: Carol Saunders, left, and Sharon Ramsey, emerging from North Middlesex hospital yesterday after handing in notices of resignation.

Oil prices up as Opec cuts quotas

From A Correspondent
Vienna

Opec has concluded its first production agreement in two years, setting an 18.5 million barrels-a-day ceiling for the first six months of 1989.

The result of eight days of bitter negotiations in Vienna is to cut 4 million barrels a day from what was admitted to be over-production by some members.

Crude prices rose strongly, with Brent oil for January 6 delivery closing at $14.80 a barrel. Opec is aiming for $18.

Both Iran and Iraq received equal quotas — 2.64 million barrels a day — for the first time, at the expense of the other 11 members who lost a percentage of their market share. Saudi Arabia withdrew a demand for a $15 benchmark price to reflect market demand.

Analysts predict that the agreement should last for several months, but will probably be reviewed before Opec's next general meeting on June 5.

Opec agreed to form a ministerial monitoring committee to check prices and supervise "strict adherence" to the new quota.

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Food production grants to farmers scrapped

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The biggest change in agricultural policies for nearly 50 years was confirmed officially with the announcement yesterday that all grants aimed at increasing food production would end at midnight last night.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said he thought Britain was the first country in the EEC to abolish capital grants for this purpose. The policies would have to be approved by the EEC Commission, but he did not foresee any serious obstacles.

At the same time, Mr MacGregor announced that additional grants of up to £50 million would be made available to farmers in the next three years to control pollution, primarily from slurry and silage effluent.

Three new conservation grants would be introduced to encourage the regeneration of native woodlands and heather moors and to assist in the cost of repairing traditional farm buildings. The cost of these has not been assessed.

The moves end the food self-sufficiency series which began in the early years of the Second World War and culminated in the surpluses which form part of the unsustainable EEC food mountains. Although government support for agricultural improvement schemes has been greatly reduced in recent years, capital grants last year totalled about £42 million.

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On paper, the switch to environmental policies represents a significant saving. However, Mr MacGregor said that by the time the full package had been costed, the balance would probably be about even.

The grants which were discontinued last night include those for drainage schemes, roads, new farm buildings and the installation of new electric power supplies.

Mr MacGregor said: "I am not convinced that it makes good sense for the Government to continue to put money into projects which are likely to increase the production of commodities which area already in surplus. It doesn't make sense to go on increasing facilities for further production." He described the change in priorities as not so much a watershed but as a recognition of the great successes that had been achieved.

The main priorities of the grants schemes were to reduce damage caused by effluent escaping into water courses and to widen support for conservation work in general. Because these were priority areas for farmers in lowlands and uplands, the differential for most grants would be narrowed to 10 per cent.

Mr MacGregor said recorded incidents of pollution from farms were at an alarming level. Although they represented only one in five of all pollution incidents, silage effluent and slurry were both highly toxic. Prevention and treatment imposed a heavy burden on farmers.

He said grants would still be available for maintaining existing drainage schemes. Enhanced grants for the replacement of heated glasshouses would continue while grants for replanting orchards would be reinstated.

Serious threat to patients

By Jill Sherman and Ruth Gledhill

Forty-four out of 55 staff midwives handed in their resignations at a London hospital yesterday in a mass protest over the regrading exercise, as more than a thousand nurses took part in a day of action throughout the city.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, in an attempt to avert further action last night, published details of the gradings awarded, claiming that most nurses had had substantial rises.

The unprecedented move at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, in North London, poses the first serious threat to patient services during the current dispute. Managers at the hospital, who appealed to the staff to reconsider their decision, admitted that they might have difficulty filling the posts by Christmas and maternity services could be severely disrupted.

The staff midwives handed in a joint resignation letter, giving one month's notice, after the hospital and Harin-

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US not to oppose moving UN debate

From Mohsin Ali, Washington
and James Bone, New York

The United States, which has denied a visa to Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who had wanted to address the United Nations General Assembly, said yesterday that it did not oppose moving the session to Geneva, which could be achieved by a simple majority of members.

Britain and other European Community nations would be likely to vote in favour.

Explaining the US position, the State Department spokesman, Mr Charles Redman, saidthat while the US did not favour such a proposal, "we do not opppose it".

The US did not oppose General Assembly consideration of the Palestinian question, he said, adding: "There are PLO spokesmen able to state their position freely in New York; we have no objection to that." The statement was an attempt to allay mounting criticism from the UN, the Arab world and even America's allies in Europe over the personal decision of Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, to bar Mr Arafat.

Early yesterday, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, said the US decision was incompatible with its obligations under the UN Headquarters Agreement.

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"If maintained, this action is likely to complicate and render more difficult the forthcoming debate on the 'Question of Palestine' and the 'Situation in the Middle East'," Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said.

UK tank is 'favoured by Cabinet'

By Nicholas Wood and Michael Evans

Cabinet ministers have agreed in principle to buy the British-built Challenger Mark 2 main battle tank for the Army, instead of the American rival tank, the M1A1 Abrams, according to senior Conservative backbenchers and Whitehall sources.

Last week the Cabinet's overseas and defence committee, which considered the merits of the British and American bids for the £1 billion contract, reached an "expression of intent" in favour of Vickers Defence Systems, the Leeds-based firm developing the Challenger 2, the sources said.

However they stressed that no final decision had been reached. General Dynamics, the US firm offering the M1A1 Abrams, could still win the order if its offset proposals could safeguard jobs.

Senior Tories rally behind Lawson

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

Senior Conservatives were rallying behind Mr Nigel Lawson and his policy of high interest rates last night as the Chancellor prepared to face a critical two days.

With the Labour Party poised to attack Mr Lawson over his handling of the economy in today's Commons debate, the Chancellor, who had appeared virtually friendless over the weekend, was being bolstered by senior MPs and ministers.

It was disclosed that Mr Lawson had himself requested that other members of the Government should not speak out over the weekend in support of his policy for fear of causing confusion.

It was that absence of public backing which led some Conservative MPs to speculate yesterday that Mr Lawson's short-term future was in doubt.

Today, however, the Prime Minister is expected to give him firm backing in the Commons before the debate begins and later in the Lords.

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Northern hemisphere facing ozone layer crisis

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The first evidence that man-made compounds known as CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) are distroying the atmosphere above the northern hemisphere in the way that produced a hole in the protective ozone shield over Antarctica was reported yesterday to a scientific conference, in London.

The details were given by Dr Robert Watson, a British researcher working for the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Nasa, when describing an international project, planned for next year, to measure the extent and rate of the damage in the northern hemisphere. Thinning of the ozone layer would let life-threatening forms of ultraviolet radiation reach the earth, causing an increase in skin cancers and cataracts and disruption to animal and plant life.

The latest analysis shows decreases ranging from 1.7 per cent to 3 per cent in ozone concentration over the past 18 years, between latitudes 30 and 64 degrees in the northern hemisphere, largely attributable to man-made interference.

Dr Watson said the same processes which produced the hole over Antarctica were occurring.

In addition to destroying ozone, CFCs contribute to the greenhouse effect, which threatens disruption of the world's climate. Dr Michael Oppenheimer, of New York's environmental defence fund, said if temperatures were allowed to continue rising it would spell ecological world disaster over the next 100 years.

He said climatic changes, caused by radiation trapped by the greenhouse gases emitted by man's activities, could lead to mass migrations of populations.

Some countries would suffer yearly droughts, while others would find low lying land flooded by rising seas.

He said: "No country will escape the effects, if we continue to do things that allow the temperature to increase."

Temperatures would rise by three or four degrees centigrade, causing the polar cap to melt and other areas to become deserts. The sea would rise by more than two feet with increased smog in large cities.

However, he said, measures could be taken to limit the problems.

Professor Tom Wigley, of the head of the climatic research unit at the University of East Anglia, said global warming would not show its full effects for another 60 years.

Calculating the speed of change from ozone destruction is difficult because the composition of the protective layer fluctuates with the seasons, and also varies between the tropical, temperate and arctic zones according to the climatic conditions

Dr Watson said the trends had been masked by other short but large disturbances in records

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Drivers loyal to company cars

More than two-thirds of company car drivers say they would keep their cars even if the Chancellor wiped out the financial benefit of having a such a car, something hinted at in the last Budget when company car taxation was doubled.

According to a study by Hertz Leasing among 600 salesmen, middle managers and directors, most would expect a pay rise in compensation for any increase in personal taxation on company cars. Salesmen do not want their company cars to be replaced by a system of companies paying a mileage allowance for use of private cars.

Only one third of all salesman would continue to drive a new car if companies no longer supplied tranpsort. Most would buy a car 18 months to two years old. That would cut new car sales in Britain by about 500,000 annually and undermine the position of the UK manufacturers.

Russians set for gold

The Soviet Union defeated Bulgaria 3-1 in Sunday's 13th round in the Chess Olympiad, at Salonica in Greece, virtually guaranteeing a Soviet gold medal with only one round remaining. The Russians have 37 points out of a possible 52, with England in second place on 33 points. Even in the unlikely event of the Russians losing 0-4 in the final round today and England making a 4-0 victory, experts said the Soviet Union was likely to take first place under the tie-breaking system. England drew 2-2 with the Philippines in round 13.

TV man 'threatened'

Mr Roger Cook, the television investigator, was blackmailed by "loyalist" paramilitaries who believed he was a building contractor, Belfast Crown Court was told yesterday. Large sums of money for the Ulster Defence Association were demanded. But, unknown to the blackmailers, their meeting with the journalist was filmed by his crew, it was alleged. Mr Cook, presenter of *The Cook Report*, will give evidence in the trial, in which four men are accused of extorting money from Roman Catholic building contractors.

Ulster council reform

Proposals for a radical shake-up in the conduct of local government in Northern Ireland were unveiled yesterday by Mr Richard Needham, Under-Secretary of State, in a consultative paper. The district auditor's powers would be strengthened to allow him to intervene to prevent a council from incurring unlawful expenditure, such as in promoting a particular party line or doctrine. Councils would have to invite private tenders for services, including refuse collection, catering, recreation and leisure.

Ridley gives the reasons for expert's resignation

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government yesterday gave details of a new green Bill to be introduced later in this Parliament, including powers to control the import of hazardous waste.

And amid Labour attacks that the Cabinet's concern with environmental issues was mere window dressing, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, sought to minimize the embarrassment caused by the departure of Mr Rod Perriman, Chief Inspector of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, only four months after his deputy had resigned in dissatisfaction at the resources afforded to the inspectorate.

Mr Ridley claimed yesterday that Mr Perriman had not resigned, as colleagues first suggested, in protest at underfunding and understaffing.

He told MPs during the Queen's Speech debate that because of media speculation Mr Perriman and the department had agreed that the reason for his resignation could be stated publicly: a dispute about "some elements of proposals for reorganizing HM Inspectorate of Pollution in the regions".

"It is in no sense over a disagreement with government policies or over lack of resources for the inspectorate."

Mr Ridley, who was frequently interrupted from the Labour benches during a speech which he devoted largely to countering allegations about water privatization made by Dr John Cunningham, the Opposition spokesman, in a broadcast on Radio Cumbria, promised that the Government would provide the inspectorate with the resources needed to do the job it had been given.

He also promised a further green Bill during the lifetime of this Parliament. It would reform waste disposal law to increase the powers of waste disposal authorities, place a statutory duty of care on producers and holders of waste and control imports of wastes and fly tipping.

It would also cover the introduction of an integrated system to control industrial pollution, putting the inspectorate on a statutory footing and introducing a cross-media system of control that took account of the unity of the natural environment.

Mr Ridley told MPs that substantial changes to the legal infrastructure were needed and that more consultation was required to get it right. The Bill would be introduced when the Government was ready "during the lifetime of this Parliament".

Dr Cunningham said the Government was asking MPs to believe that it had taken on a green mantle. Environmentalists, industry, Mr Ridley's own pollution inspectors did not believe it and the Opposition did not believe it, either.

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On campaign trail in Epping



Mr Steven Norris (right) with Mr Jeffrey Archer, the author and former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, canvassing yesterday in the Epping Forest by-election campaign.

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Conservatives drew first blood yesterday on the opening day of the campaign for the Epping Forest, north-east London, by-election.

The trees of the constituency's much-loved forest are suffering from atmospheric pollution, and Mr Steven Norris, the Conservative candidate, challenged his opponents to say whether, like him, they had converted their cars to lead-free petrol.

Mr Michael Pettman, the SDP candidate, admitted that only his wife's car had been. The Labour candidate, Mr Stephen Murray, son of Lord Murray of Epping Forest, the former TUC general secretary, said he was "considering" having his converted. Mr Andrew Thompson, for the Social and Liberal Democrats, said he would have his converted that day.

However, the signs were that Mr Norris will be on the defensive in the next three weeks, with last Friday's record trade deficit and further rise in interest rates giving heart to the three challengers in ostensibly the safest of Tory seats.

The leaders of both the ailing centre parties went to the constituency, an indication of how important it is to the credibility of each to achieve respectable results.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats, said that by repeatedly raising interest rates, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, had "mugged the people of Epping and of Britain on their way to the bank to cash in their tax cuts".

Dr David Owen said that the bursting of the "bubble of Nigel Lawson's exuberance" had given life to the contest.

Mr Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman, said Mr Lawson's "incredible mismanagement of the economy" would quickly sober the 63 per cent of owner-occupiers in Epping Forest.

General election: Sir John Biggs-Davison (Conservative) 31,536; Mr Anthony Humphris (SDP-Alliance) 10,023; Mr Stephen Murray (Labour) 9,499; R Denhard (Green) 695. Majority: 21,513.

Engineers' 7% pay claim is rejected

The Engineering Employers' Federation yesterday rejected a pay claim on behalf of one million workers seeking a 7 per cent pay rise and a reduction in the working week from 39 to 35 hours.

Dr James McFarlane, director-general of the Federation, told the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in London that the 35-hour week without loss of pay would increase hourly rates by 11 per cent.

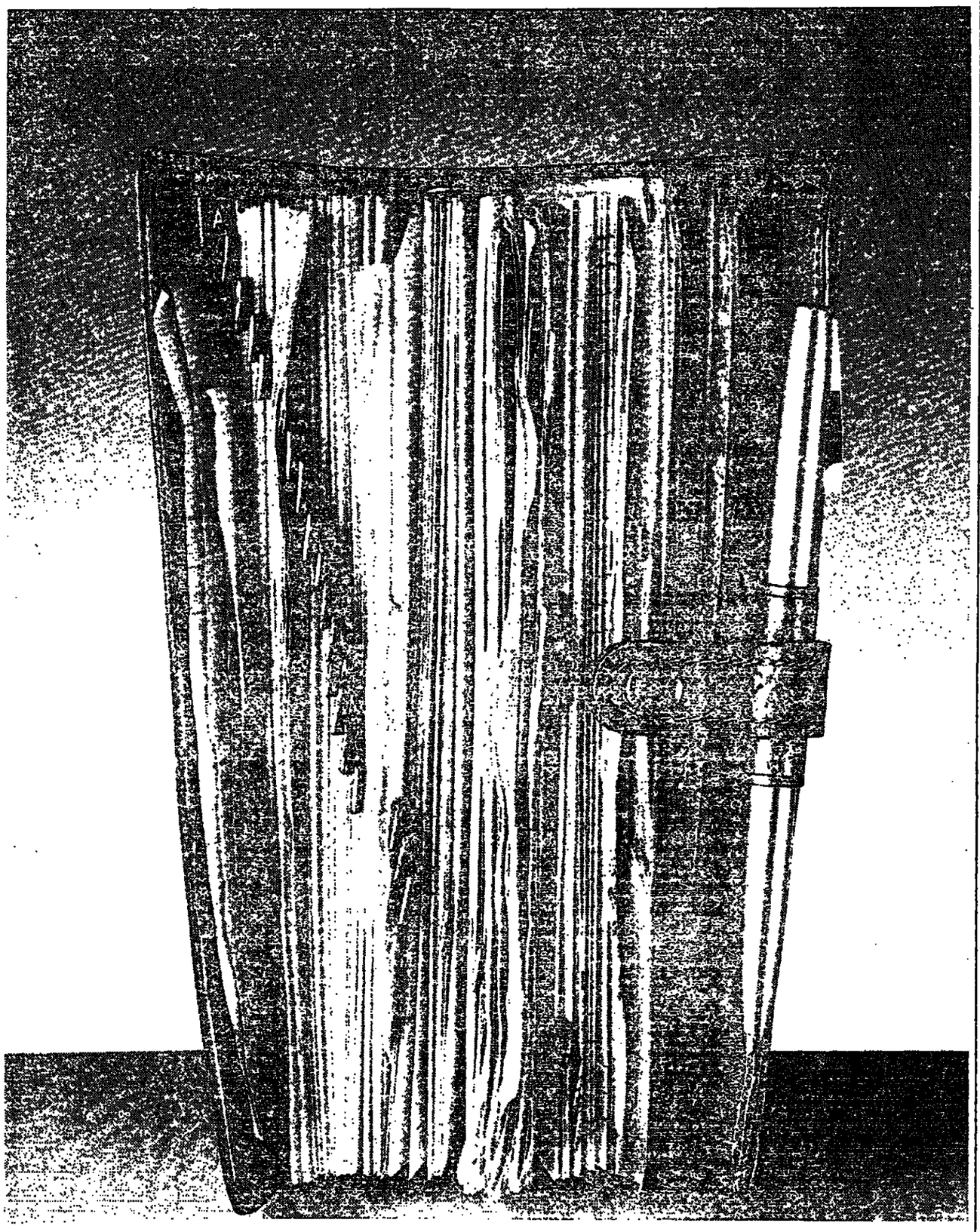
He said: "You sought to spike our guns by saying that anything in our reply that referred to rising inflation, the trade deficit, production costs or an economic slowdown would be discounted as predictable arguments from employers. Well, they may be predictable, but they are nonetheless real."

Engineering was not in recession, but there were "danger signs" such as the the record trade gap and the 1 per cent increase in the base rate to 13 per cent. The 14 unions involved are being offered an increase on minimum rates of £5.75 to £117.58 for skilled and £4.14 to £84.68 for unskilled workers. Estimated average earnings are £175 and £125 respectively.

The unions' eight-point claim was for a "substantial increase" in minimum rates, a reduction in the working week without loss of pay, and improved holiday entitlements, overtime and shift payments.

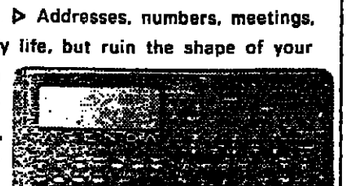
Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, described the management offer of 5.1 per cent as "less than adequate". He said the workforce had achieved increased productivity through changes in working practices and other improvements.

The talks will resume on December 14.



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AGENDA

Six-day working

UDM signs coal agreement

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers signed an agreement with British Coal yesterday for the introduction of six-day working at the £47 million Asfordby mine in Leicestershire.

British Coal had made it clear that without such a deal, it would have written off the £120 million already spent on development costs for the mine, planned to be the biggest in Britain.

At the same time, it announced the closure of two pits in South Wales, with the loss of 1,400 jobs.

Signing of the Asfordby agreement will widen the rift between the Nottinghamshire-based UDM and the National Union of Mineworkers, whose president, Mr Arthur Scargill, is steadfastly opposed to the new flexible working patterns.

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, has said investment worth a further £600 million will not go ahead if miners insist on sticking to the five-day week. Yesterday, Mr Len Harris, the corporation's area director, said: "This is a landmark for the industry. Without it, we could not have gone ahead with the investment plan. The project would have been stopped."

He said the UDM had secured the creation of more than 1,400 jobs for the area and at the same time achieved increased leisure time for their members, accompanied by an increase in earnings.

The deal will increase the pressure Mr Scargill is facing from areas such as Scotland and Wales, where the UDM is mounting a determined recruitment campaign in the hope of signing an agreement for the proposed £90 million "super-pit" at Margam.

Yesterday's announcement of the closure of the Marine colliery in Gwent and the Cynheidre colliery in West Wales will strain the traditional loyalty between local NUM leaders and the national union to breaking point. Although they have accepted in principle six-day working, they are not prepared to break ranks from the Scargill line.

Yesterday's Asfordby agreement delivers a further blow to Mr Scargill as it gives the UDM sole negotiating rights at the pit until 2001.

When Asfordby achieves full production in 1993, it will produce four million tonnes of coal a year, far outstripping the record held by the Thoresby pit in Nottinghamshire, which is scheduled to exceed two million tonnes next year.

Under five-day production, Asfordby would have been capable of producing only three million tonnes.

● British Coal issued an ultimatum yesterday to miners at two pits in Scotland — lose 500 jobs or face closure.

The NUM has been given until Friday to respond to the ultimatum, affecting Biltson Glen and Monkton Hall in Lothian, where production has slumped to "unacceptably" low levels.

Military satellite launch next week

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The first of a new generation of military communication satellites for the armed forces will be launched from South America next week.

Skynet 4B, costing about £60 million, will enable troops stationed around the world to communicate, whether they are soldiers serving with the British Army on the Rhine or crews in nuclear submarines.

The Royal Navy in particular is planning increased use of space communications, provided all goes well with next month's launch and others planned for the next two years.

The satellite, measuring 6 ft square, has been built by British Aerospace. Marconi is responsible for the communications payload and the ground control equipment.

The satellite will be fired into space from Kourou, French Guiana, on December 9 by the same Ariane 4 rocket carrying the 16-channel Astra television satellite.

The Skynet system has been plagued by misfortune since the first experimental satellite was launched in 1969. What was the world's first geostationary defence communications satellite stopped working three years later.

Skynet 4B, with six communication channels, will be positioned above the Atlantic off the west coast of Africa.

Home cost sends firm up north

A computer firm based in Cambridge has switched expansion plans to Scotland, creating 300 new jobs yesterday, because rising house prices have made it impossible to recruit extra staff.

EECO Incorporated, the American electronics firm, is the latest important company to be affected by house prices in Cambridge. The city's technology-led boom helped raise property prices by 38 per cent between January and July.

EECO employs 45 people at its factory at Bar Hill. It advertised for 300 extra staff but response was so poor that it announced yesterday that its £4 million new plant will be in Irvine new town, Scotland.

Dispute over new TV chief

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A boardroom dispute has broken out at Scottish Television over who should take over as managing director and lead the company into the 1990s.

Mr Bill Brown, who is due to retire as managing director next June when he becomes 60, wants Mr Gus Macdonald, the station's programme director, to be his successor.

But he is opposed by the majority of the board, including Sir Campbell Fraser, the chairman, which is convinced the company needs a businessman rather than a programme maker to prepare Scottish TV for the bid to retain its franchise.

The company will almost certainly need increased financial resources to be able to tender successfully. The non-executive directors are believed to favour appointing Mr Bill Cockburn, the Scots-born managing director of Royal Mail letters, who has helped transform its delivery operation.

A third possibility is Mr Alan Montgomery, financial director at Scottish TV, who is highly regarded by senior staff for the way he masterminded the stock market rights issue for the company.

Mr Macdonald is an acknowledged high class programme maker but critics say his lack of business experience could be fatal in the new television environment.

The boardroom dispute will come to a head this Friday when the appointment is due to be announced.

● TV-am, the commercial breakfast television station which has recently been criticized by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, would not have won a franchise with its present programmes, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, the authority chairman, yesterday said.

"The IBA's view of what the British public wanted at breakfast time was an overly high-minded one and we have had to adjust it.

"But morning television was a rather special slice of broadcasting and it was inevitable it would take some time to discover what people wanted."

He said TV-am had responded very substantially to the criticisms made and the pressure to improve its programme-making record.

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Papers for Evans's extradition to be lodged this week

By David Sapsted and Susan MacDonald

Formal papers requesting the extradition of David John Evans, wanted in Britain in connection with the death of Anna Humphries, aged 15, will be presented by the Government to the French authorities later this week, it was disclosed last night.

It remained unclear, however, when the 31-year-old farm labourer would be returned to Britain, despite the fact he has expressed a wish to come back as soon as possible.

The girl's body was found on Sunday, almost three weeks after she disappeared from Penley on the Wales-Shropshire border as she walked home from school.

Mr Evans, aged 31, from Bettisfield, near by, is being held on an *écrou extraditionel* in St Paul prison, Lyons, after being picked up a week ago hitchhiking in south-eastern France.

The Crown Prosecution Service said last night that the complexities of the extradition procedures meant that formal documentation could not be presented until later this week, still within the 14-day limit which the French Ministry of Justice said yesterday was the maximum time Evans could be held without the papers.

Two Welsh detectives are still in Lyons awaiting Evans's appearance before an examining magistrate in the Court of Appeal for an extradition hearing.

The Ministry of Justice will then have to approve the decision.

Such procedures normally take a month or more but authorities on both sides of the Channel are attempting to make it dramatically speedier.

The village of Penley on the Welsh-Shropshire border was quiet yesterday after three weeks as the centre of intensive police activity.

"The news has really hit home. Before that we always must have had a little bit of hope. She was such a nice girl", Mrs Mavis Ledsham, in the village post office, said.

The Humphries family had placed a letter of thanks on the public notice board to all who had helped in the search for their daughter.

A special assembly will be held in her memory today in the Maelor comprehensive school, Penley, where Anna Humphries was a pupil and from where she set out to walk home exactly three weeks ago.

Mr Geoffrey Mason, headmaster, said the news of Anna Humphries's death had been received with great sadness. "There is a feeling of acute loss and despondency. Anna was a very pleasant, lively and outgoing child, popular with both staff and pupils.

"Those who came into contact with her could not fail to be affected by her energy and exuberance. We shall all miss her. Her family's loss will of course be the greater and it is the intention of the school to support them in any way possible."

The inquest on the girl will open tomorrow at Shrewsbury magistrates' court.

The end of any uncertainty about her fate has stunned Penley. The postmistress said: "The Humphries are such nice people. It has made everyone feel so sad. I cannot express it."

At St Chad's church in the neighbouring village of Hanmer, where prayers have been said for the girl throughout the three weeks when hundreds of local people joined in the search for her, the church prayer book was open yesterday at an appropriate page.

It read: "Let the prayer of Thy children who cry out of tribulation come unto Thee and to every soul that suffered grant mercy, grant relief."

Prayers have been said for Anna at St Magdalena's church in Penley where Mrs Rosemary Humphries is treasurer and where Anna once sang in the choir.

Last night Mr Trevor Humphries expressed the family's gratitude for the many people who had helped in the search for his daughter.

They had come, he said, from all parts of the country and all walks of life. "They gave up their valuable time in order that our daughter Anna may be returned to us.

"The response from the public has been overwhelming and has touched us deeply. Words cannot express our gratitude to all the helpers and professional people, most of whom we will never meet to thank personally.

"At this very difficult time it is comforting to know that so many people are thinking and praying for our family, sending us cards, letters, flowers and sharing our grief.

"Their love and concern is something we will always hold dear as we face the future."

The post-mortem examination on Anna's body was carried out on Sunday night at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Double theatre bill on double agents

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Simon Callow (left) the actor, and Alan Bennett discuss the finer points of a new double bill by Mr Bennett while providing lunch for other visitors to St James's Park, London, yesterday. *An Englishman Abroad* and *A Question of Attribution* will be staged by the National Theatre from December 1. The plays revolve around the spies Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt.

Church is nearing break-up, paper says

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

The Church of England could disintegrate "in as little as 20 years" unless it renews its historic and traditional faith, according to the manifesto of a new Anglican pressure group called Church in Danger, published yesterday.

The group has been started by MPs, members of the House of Lords, and journalists. It was launched at a meeting at the Houses of Parliament yesterday.

Its leaders include Lords Lauderdale, Holderness, and Williams of Elvel, and Mr John Gummer, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, who is a member of the General Synod of the Church of England.

The warning signs of the church's "disintegration", *according to the group, include* the division over the ordination of women, the "apparent denial" of basic beliefs by a bishop, the "débâcle" over homosexuality, and the confusion and bitterness caused by the *Crockford Preface* a year ago.

Church in Danger (PO Box 132, *East Rudham, Norfolk PE31* 8QT).

Royal baptism at St James's Palace

By Alan Hamilton

Princess Beatrice of York, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, who was born in August, is to be baptized in the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace on December 20, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

In keeping with the baby's title, the *christening of Beatrice Elizabeth Mary* will be performed by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood. Most royal baptisms, including those of Prince William, Prince Henry and Master Peter Phillips, are conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. But the Queen, born Princess Elizabeth of York, was christened by the then Archbishop of York in 1926.

The Duke and Duchess personally chose to use St James's Palace for a royal christening; it was last so used for the baptism of Lady Gabriella Windsor, daughter of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, in 1981. The Queen, the Prince of Wales and Prince William were all baptized in Buckingham Palace, and Prince Henry was baptized at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The magnificent Chapel Royal, built by Henry VIII in 1532 and still displaying its Holbein painted ceiling, was the scene of Charles I's last service on the morning of his execution.

It has been the scene of several royal marriages, including those of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, and the future King George V and Queen Mary, in the days before royal weddings were public spectacles.

Princess Beatrice will be baptized with water from the Lily Font, made in 1840 for the christening of Queen Victoria's eldest daughter Victoria and used regularly for royal christenings ever since.

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Mr Frederick Stegen, from Cobham, Surrey, was one of two winners to share yesterday's daily Portfolio prize of £4,000. Mr Stegen, aged 63, a retired company director, said he was planning to take his wife and daughter on holiday to Florence next spring. The other winner was Mr Leon Collins, from Leeds.

GCSE success

More pupils stay at school

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The first year of the GCSE examination showed an increase in the number of children of school-leaving age staying on at school, with nearly half the 16-year-olds in England and Wales now in full-time education, Mr Kenneth Baker said yesterday.

The Secretary of State for Education told Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, that the number of young people aged 16 to 18 who stayed in full-time education had risen from 25 per cent in 1975 to 31 per cent in 1987 and 32 per cent in 1988.

In 1975, 37 per cent of 16-year-olds stayed on compared to 45 per cent in 1987 and 47 per cent this year. The figures for 18-year-olds were 12 per cent in 1975, 17 per cent in 1987 and 18 per cent in 1988.

Mr Baker said: "It is very encouraging that an ever-increasing proportion of young people are staying on in full-time education. I am delighted that they are recognizing the value of continued education in schools and colleges. This should lead to youngsters being better qualified for their working lives."

Mr Jack Straw commented: "It is good news and a vote of confidence in the comprehensive school, the GCSE, the tertiary college and the Labour Party whose authorities are responsible for the majority of the nation's education.

"There is anecdotal evidence to show that the tertiary colleges in particular have been succesful in attracting people to stay on and that many young people prefer to stay in education than to go on the dole or join the YTS. And certainly the GCSE is a better, more broadly based examination that means something to the less able children."

● Mr Baker ordered his chauffeur to take a half-mile detour across muddy playing fields yesterday to avoid protesting students after he had visited Garth Hill School, Bracknell, Berkshire, which is in the forefront of information technology studies.

The 40 students were protesting at government plans for student loans in place of grants.

The school has millions of pounds worth of computers donated by local and national companies as an "investment" in the future of pupils. Mr Baker said after his three-hour visit: "I was very impressed with what I saw, and it shows what can be done".

'Custodial sentences overused'

Custody centres often act as "finishing schools for delinquents", Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday.

He was appealing for greater use of non-custodial penalties for 17 to 20-year-olds convicted of less serious offences.

Mr Patten told a conference in Bristol given by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders that nearly twice as many 17-year-olds as 16-year-olds received custodial sentences, while juveniles were four times as likely to be cautioned as young adults.

● The first branch of a breakaway prison union was in process of being formed last night by officers at Eastwood Park Young Offender Institution, Gloucestershire. It is expected to be followed by a second branch at Usk Young Offender Institution, Gwent.

Women warned on brittle bones

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

More than half of the women in Britain are likely to develop osteoporosis, or brittle bone disease, unless they receive hormone replacement therapy, a health conference was told yesterday.

The condition, estimated to cause the premature death of 5,000 women a year, is linked to hormonal changes during the menopause.

Dr John Stevenson, consultant endocrinologist at the Cavendish Clinic, London, told the Women's Health Concern meeting in Westminster that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) was suitable for most women.

Critics have argued that HRT, which uses low-dose natural hormones, produces the same abnormalities in cells as artificial hormones, such as those used in contraceptive pills.

Mrs Joan Jenkins, founder and co-ordinator of the WHC, said she had been using HRT for 17 years.

"It is tragic that in 1987 only 2 per cent of those in their menopause years were using HRT and at the same time, one in two women were developing osteoporosis in the first five to 10 years of the menopause", she said.

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health, told the conference that the WHC will receive a government grant of £15,000 a year for the next three years to support its advice services on gynaecological and related health problems.

Osteoporosis involves brittle bones and spine curvature and is estimated to cost the National Health Service £500 million a year to treat.

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Bruno has QC on the ropes

By Robin Young

In the absence of Mike Tyson, Frank Bruno, Britain's top boxing heavyweight, amused himself yesterday with a little sparring against Mr Mark Strachan, QC, a legal adversary.

He was continuing his evidence at the High Court, where Mr Al Hamilton is suing Mr Terry Lawless, the boxer's manager, for 5 per cent of Mr Bruno's earnings. That, as the boxer observed yesterday, is "serious corn".

Mr Strachan's position was not an enviable one. The case is being heard in Court 2, St Dunstan's House, which does not have a witness box in which Mr Bruno's 6ft 4in frame might safely be contained. Instead, witness and cross-examining barrister stood eyeball to eyeball across a narrow desk. Nothing Mr Strachan could throw troubled the boxer. "You're building up to something", Mr Bruno said during a long series of questions, "so okay, fire away."

When the barrister suggested that Mr Hamilton, the former common-law husband of the boxer's sister, had influenced his early career, Mr Bruno retorted: "Are you crazy? If you want somebody to do something for you, you appoint them to do the job. You wouldn't get cowboys in from outside to run your business for you, would you?"

Immaculate in a double-breasted blue blazer, rocking gently as he flexed his leg muscles, Mr Bruno gave his measured opinion that Mr Hamilton was "trying to live off my back". Had Mr Hamilton not been "enthusiastic" for his career?

"Enthusiastic for my pocket, you mean", parried Frank. "I had definite vibes for this man. He was not really my cup of tea."

When he had heard Mr Hamilton asking for a 5 per cent share in his contract, the boxer felt "gutted".

"I was a little bit of a rockhead when I was young", he admitted. He had signed a management agreement with a Mr Bert McCarthy, and immediately regretted it.

His evidence flowed as easily as combination punches in the gym. Mr Justice Brooke told the boxer: "You are doing very well, Mr Bruno".

The case continues, but Mr Bruno earned a victory yesterday on points.



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Patrick Ryan: missionary who allegedly turned to terrorism

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Father Patrick Ryan returned from missionary work in Africa 20 years ago to praise from the Pallottine Order which considered him a hard-working priest who had a gift for preaching the gospel.

They had no inkling then that he would give up his Christian mission and instead allegedly pursue a career as an IRA fixer and one of its links with Colonel Gadaffi of Libya.

Father Ryan, who served in Tanzania, was a highly active priest who cared not only for the spiritual needs of his flock but for their material well-being. He soon realized that he would improve his standing with his parishioners if he could show a greater understanding of their economic plight. However, unlike some priests, he carefully eschewed becoming involved in the country's politics. He was no liberation theologian, according to colleagues.

Father Ryan was born in June 1930 at Rossmore, Co Tipperary, one of six children of "respectable farming stock". He attended the Christian Brothers school at Thurles, a few miles from Rossmore, studied for the priesthood at the Pallottine College in the town and was ordained in June 1954.

He went to Tanzania almost immediately and was described by colleagues as a good-humoured man who was much concerned with teaching the Christian gospel in pagan lands. None of his colleagues recall him expressing views on Irish politics.

He seemed destined to remain a well-respected Irish priest, a possible candidate for administrative authority in his order, and was talked of as a future superior. In late 1966, he took up work in Ireland and England. In 1968, he spent nearly a year in London working with Irish immigrants.

It was after a trip to England between 1971 and 1972 that colleagues noticed a change. He talked much about republican prisoners in Northern Ireland and England and was clearly opposed to the introduction of internment in Northern Ireland.

It was at about this time that the Gardai began to take an interest in the priest from Tipperary. He was seen attending IRA funerals and demonstrations in the Irish Republic.

In 1974, Father Ryan left the order without notifying his superiors. However, he has never been expelled and could celebrate the sacraments, although according to the superior of the Pallottine Order in Ireland, Father William Hanley, he would require permission to do so. Since then, he has turned up at various times in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, The Netherlands and is believed to have visited Libya twice.

His family claims that he was involved in fund raising to help republican prisoners. Mr Elio Malocco, his solicitor, claims he has been a victim of prejudiced reporting and a smear attempt by the British security service. "Just because he wants a united Ireland, the British have portrayed him as a terrorist", Mr Malocco says.

British and other western security agencies allege that Father Ryan has been one of the IRA's most able and determined fixers, who allegedly helped the IRA launder money and gold given to it by Colonel Gadaffi, and that he had allegedly bought arms and explosives. He also allegedly realized that a gadget designed to remind motorists when the time on their parking meter was about to expire could be adapted easily to make a bomb timer.

In May 1975, he allegedly bought the entire stock of a novelty shop in Zurich. In the next 18 months, similar gadgets were found at the scene of 185 different explosions in Northern Ireland and in three bombs in London.

In 1976, the British persuaded the Swiss authorities to mount a surveillance operation on Father Ryan which culminated in his arrest after being found in possession of bomb-timing devices. He was held for 10 days but released because possessing the devices did not constitute an offence under Swiss law.

According to British security sources, the 1976 incident figures strongly in the case the British Attorney General is putting to Dublin for Father Ryan's extradition.

When arrested in Belgium, he was allegedly surrounded by workshop manuals for making and handling bombs. There are allegations that he was involved in designing explosive devices. British police want to question him about the detonator used in the Hyde Park bombing five years ago.

Scotland Yard also want to question him about his stay in Benidorm, Spain, where he is alleged to have met the three IRA terrorists who were shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar.

His movements around western Europe in the past few months provoked allegations that he may have acted as quartermaster for the active service unit led by Gerard Hanratty and Terence McGeough, who were arrested by West German police three months ago.

Dublin view

Legal loopholes and political pressure put case in jeopardy

By Our Irish Affairs Correspondent

There was scepticism in Dublin legal circles last night that Mr John Murray, the Irish Attorney General, would clear extradition warrants enabling the Gardai to serve them on Father Patrick Ryan.

Charges of conspiring to murder and cause explosions, alleged in the warrants, are rare in the Irish Republic. One of the last occasions when conspiracy charges were used was in 1970, against Mr Charles Haughey, the present Irish prime minister, who was acquitted of conspiring to import arms illegally into Ireland for use north of the border.

It is also being emphasized in Dublin that the charges of conspiring to murder and cause explosions are not covered by the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, signed by the Irish Republic in 1986. Only the "use" of explosives and weapons is covered by the convention.

Under arrangements with Britain, any extradition request has to be cleared first by the Irish Attorney General. Once cleared, the Gardai can act and the case then goes to a district court. It is thought that even if Mr Murray accepts the warrants, almost any district court would reject the application on grounds that the charges are too imprecise – similar to the Belgian government's reasons for declining Britain's request.

Even if London conceded and allowed Father Ryan to be prosecuted under the Irish Republic's extra-territorial legislation, Dublin lawyers believe the case would be unlikely to succeed.

The Irish Cabinet will consider the request today at its regular weekly meeting, but government sources say it is doubtful that a decision will be made before the weekend.

The Irish government is coming under strong pressure from its own backbenchers not to allow the Ryan application to go any further.

Mr Haughey has been finding it increasingly difficult to keep many Fianna Fail MPs in line with his administration's support for extradition arrangements with Britain, which come up for review next month.

Fianna Fail MPs, especially those with seats close to the border with Northern Ireland, fear the extradition issue could cost them their jobs.

Last night, it was still unclear how specific Mr Patrick Mayhew, the British Attorney General, had been in his memorandum to the Irish government in support of the extradition warrants.

It is thought that he cited the 1976 arrest of Father Ryan in Switzerland, where he was found in possession of bomb timing devices similar to ones used a few months earlier in IRA explosions in England. He was held in Switzerland for 10 days, then released because the possession of timing devices was not an offence under Swiss law.

The warrants allege that Father Ryan conspired with persons unknown to commit murder and to cause explosions in the United Kingdom between 1975 and 1988.

Irish MPs in the opposition parties, as well as Fianna Fail, believe those allegations are too vague to secure extradition and they are angry that the British Government has pursued the case after the Belgian authorities refused to extradite Father Ryan to Britain.

Last night, the Irish Attorney General said he had received the warrants and the memorandum from the British Government. He also said that owing to the nature of the case, it would be "some time" before he reached a decision.



Father Patrick Ryan, alleged to have been one of the IRA's most able and determined fixers, who allegedly helped launder money and gold from Colonel Gadaffi of Libya.

Brussels view

British extradition warrant 'too vague'

By Michael Dynes and Peter Guilford

Britain's attempt to extradite Patrick Ryan, the former Roman Catholic priest wanted in connection with a series of alleged IRA terrorist offences, failed because the extradition warrant was "too vague" according to M Georges-Henri Beauthier, Ryan's defence lawyer in Brussels.

In a telephone interview yesterday, M Beauthier said that the extradition warrant listed four alleged offences, but it failed to provide the necessary dates and names pertaining to the charges, which the Belgian government needed in order to comply with the extradition request.

Scotland Yard's extradition warrant informed the Belgian legal authorities that Ryan was wanted in connection with one charge of conspiracy to commit murder between 1975 and 1988 and three charges of possession of explosives between 1982 and 1988, including one charge of possessing 52 integrated circuits used for detonating explosives.

Britain submitted its extradition request on September 9, almost three months after Ryan was arrested by the Belgian authorities for entering the country on a false passport last June. However, extradition was delayed repeatedly because of the failure of Britain to clarify the charge.

According to M Beauthier, Ryan could only have been extradited on the first charge of conspiracy, on the assumption that the Belgian authorities accepted the charge as equivalent to the Belgian offence of "association with criminals".

Under the 1901 Anglo-Belgian extradition treaty, suspects can only be extradited if the offence in question is recognized by both countries. However, while the Belgian judiciary accepted that conspiracy and association were equivalent offences, the Belgian government voted to overrule the decision.

M Beauthier acknowledges that the government's reason for denying the extradition requests amounted to little more than a fig-leaf justifying the Belgian cabinet's decision on Friday to return Father Ryan to Dublin.

Far more important was the fear of an IRA terrorist backlash in Belgium, the pressure exerted on the government not to extradite Ryan by the Roman Catholic church, and two French court precedents earlier this year not to extradite Mr Harry Flynn and Mr Sean Hughes, two alleged IRA terrorists wanted by Britain, on the grounds that they would not be given a fair trial.

In addition, M Beauthier submitted an Amnesty International report on alleged human rights violations in Britain, which he insists was instrumental in helping the Belgian government reach its controversial decision against extradition.

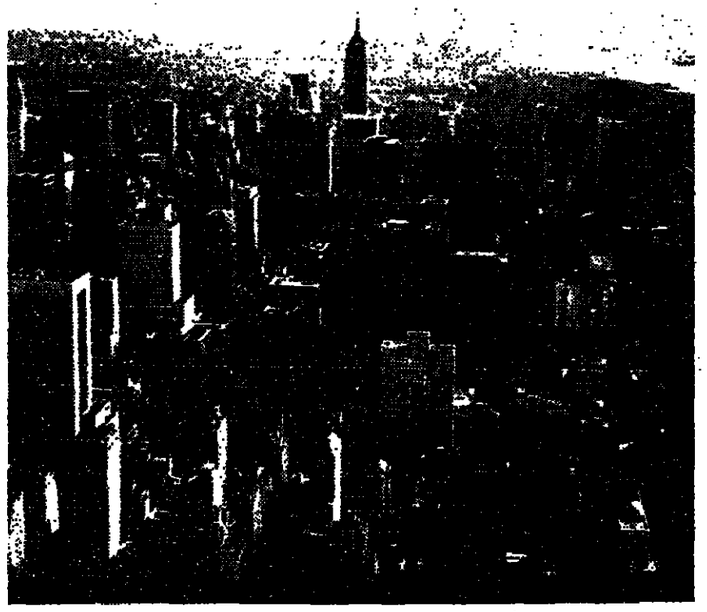
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Sixth bomb found as Welsh extremists claim responsibility

By Michael Horsnell

A sixth incendiary device was found yesterday as an elusive Welsh extremist group claimed responsibility for the firebomb campaign against west London estate agents selling second homes in Wales.

The latest device, found by staff arriving for work at the office of John D Wood in Kensington Church Street, was deactivated by officers from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad.

Shortly after it was found, a man claiming to represent Meibion Glyndwr (Sons of Glendower) telephoned the Cardiff office of a national newspaper and gave a warning of a sixth device.

He said: "More attacks will follow unless the English leave Wales. There are six bombs." He then hung up.

The anti-terrorist squad is co-operating with police in North Wales after an escalation in the violent protest at the sale of rural Welsh property to English buyers.

North Wales police said last night: "This is a serious, determined group who are using potentially lethal devices. It is only a matter of time before someone gets killed."

Crude incendiary devices were pushed through letter boxes of five offices at the weekend. Extensive damage was caused to the office of Strutt and Parker in Hill Street, Mayfair. A fire officer injured his back falling through a floor. The police have warned estate agent staff to be on the look out for suspicious packages.

A secretary at John D Wood noticed the latest device while opening mail at 8.50am. It was about the size of a book and had been pushed through the letter box. The staff of eight evacuated the building for 45 minutes while the device was deactivated and taken away.

The company said: "This office deals with central London property but we do have a country homes department, of course, with Welsh properties on the books. I think this branch was singled out because it happens to be the first one listed in *Yellow Pages*. We're thankful it didn't go off but it's a worrying matter."

Scotland Yard said: "This device is being linked with the earlier incidents. We are aware there was a telephone call by Sons of Glendower claiming responsibility. The latest find came before that call. We are keeping an open mind on who may be responsible and the claim will be treated in the appropriate manner."

Meibion Glyndwr switched its attacks to estate agencies after a long-running campaign of damage to isolated holiday cottages in north and west Wales. North Wales police who formed a special squad of detectives to trace the group have made no arrests.

The firebombs in Mayfair, Notting Hill and Chelsea are believed to be similar to those found at estate agencies in six border counties last month.

Dr Dafydd Thomas, MP for *Meriionnydd Nant Conwy*, president of Plaid Cymru, called for an urgent meeting with the Home Secretary to ensure additional resources for police investigating the attacks.

He said: "Whoever are responsible for these acts have no interest in solving the real problems of working people in Wales or in London."

Royal Academy tribute to Constable

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Mr Piers Rogers, secretary of the Royal Academy, displaying a sketch of Somerset House by John Constable, bought two weeks ago at Sotheby's for a bargain price of £40,000. The painting of the Royal Academy's first home, executed in 1818 when Constable became an academician, was bought through the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Ellerman fund.

Mr Roger de Grey, the president, said it was the first acquisition by the academy within memory.

Good price for early English furniture

The contents of the medieval Manor House at Ashby St Ledgers, Northamptonshire, came up for auction by Christie's yesterday.

There were some good prices, although this fine

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

collection of early English furniture had not graced the house for generations, but was collected by its present owners, Mr and Mrs Ronald Billington.

A set of 10 mahogany dining chairs of George III style sold for £46,200 (four times estimate) to a telephone buyer, and a pair of Cary's terrestrial and celestial globes of the same period fetched £26,400 (estimate £15,000).

A pair of George IV parcel-gilt and calamander sofa tables with ring and lion mask handles sold well below their estimate for £19,800.

The house was acquired in 1903 by Ivor Churchill Guest, later Baron Wimborne, and remodelled by Lutyens. It belonged in the fourteenth century to Sir William Catesby, the Chancellor of the Exchequer who was executed after the Battle of Bosworth.

Girl denies murder statement to police

A teenage girl accused of stabbing a 13-year-old pupil to death admitted at Northampton Crown Court yesterday that she sometimes concocted "lying stories".

However, the girl, aged only 12 when Carol Baldwin was killed on March 26, insisted that she was not involved in the pupil's murder.

She said she had been "wasting police time" when she told officers investigating the murder that she had gone out that evening to a park in Northampton, where Carol's body was later discovered.

Cross-examined by Mr James Wadsworth, QC, for the prosecution, she said she was "just guessing" when she told police about seeing a girl who looked like Carol near a playing field that night.

"Why didn't you tell them that you didn't go to the park?" he asked. "They wouldn't believe me", she said.

The court was told that she admitted to detectives that she had intended merely to frighten Carol, then stabbed her after being called "a slag".

Mr Wadsworth suggested that what she told police was the truth and she was denying it in court because she was frightened of what would happen to her. "You are too frightened now to admit it. That is the truth, isn't it?" he asked. The girl replied: "No".

The girl, who has lived in care virtually all her life, has denied murder and manslaughter.

Carol, of Thorplands, Northampton, died from internal bleeding after being stabbed in Lings Wood Park.

Accidents 'avoidable'

Two horrifying accidents in which one child died and a second was seriously injured could have been avoided if the joint proprietor of a fantasy theme park on the Isle of Wight had heeded advice from Health and Safety Executive inspectors, a court was told yesterday.

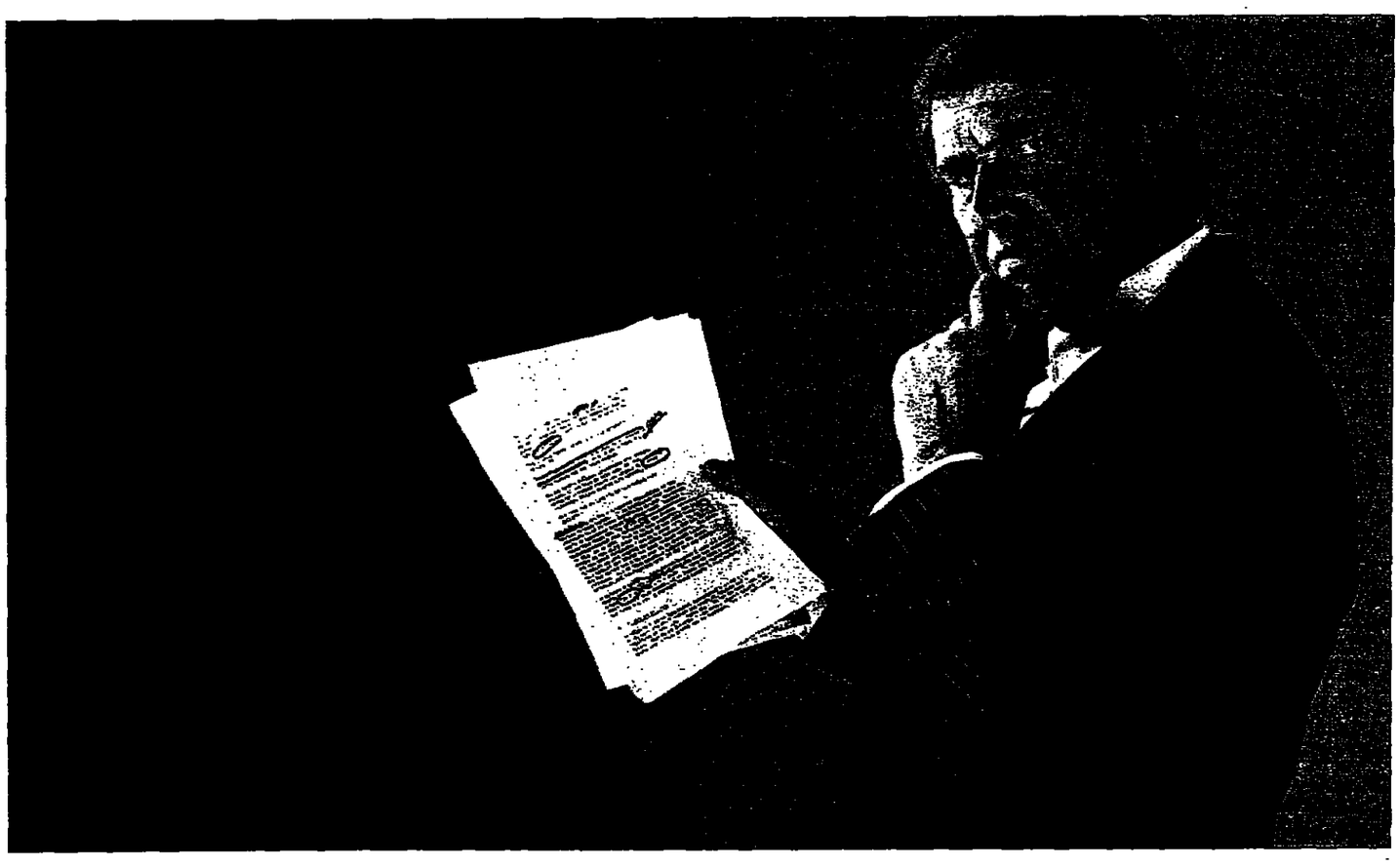
Colin Holland, aged two, of Silverstone, Northamptonshire, died from head injuries six days after the accident in June last year. Carly Fielder, aged six, of Chiswick, London, was able to leave hospital after three days, the island's crown court at Newport was told. Mr Richard Tyson, for the prosecution, said two inspectors visited Blackgang Chine Fantasy Theme Park the November before the incidents. They pointed out the need for extra safety precautions on certain walkways.

Francis Debell, managing partner of the theme park, denies failing to fence adequately the elevated walkways and of failing to submit official accident report forms within seven days.

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The hearing continues.

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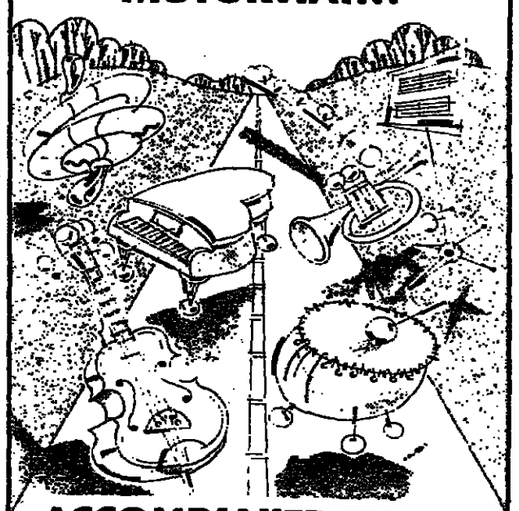
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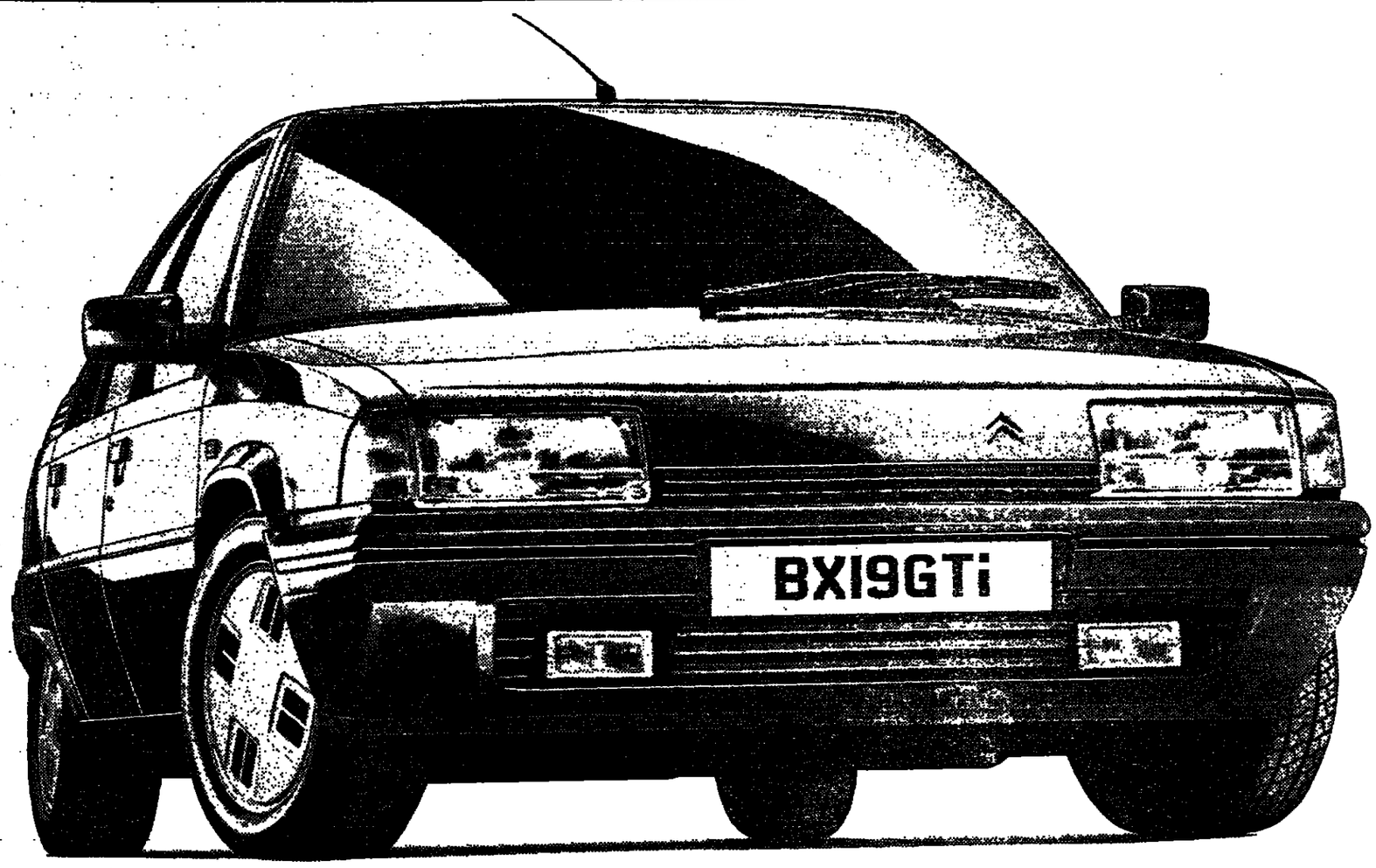
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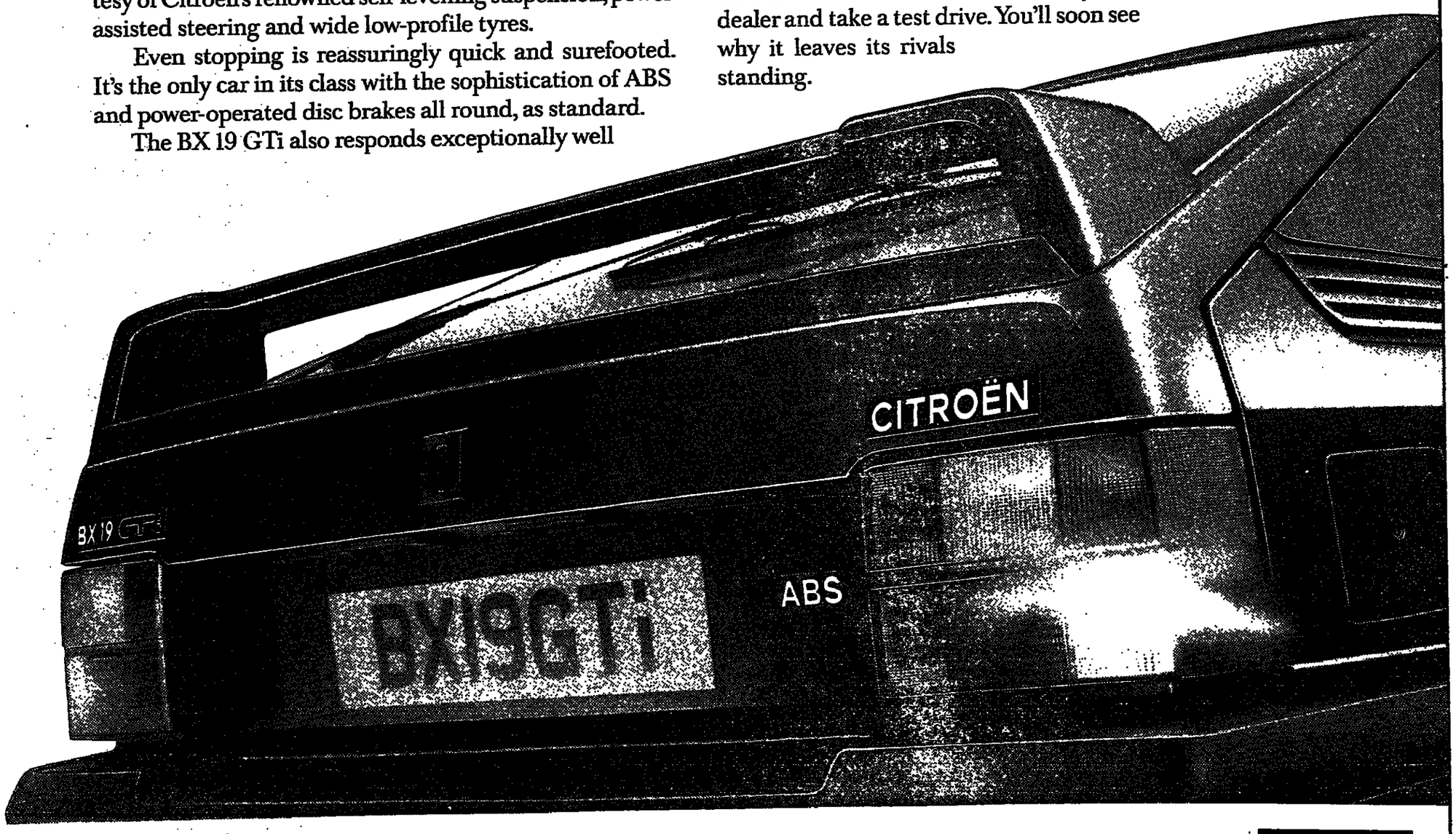
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Tour holidaymakers may find it easier to win compensation

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A better deal for package holidaymakers is in sight – under European-wide measures expected to become law in 1991 – giving legal protection when holidays go wrong.

All Europeans travelling on the Continent would be entitled to compensation under the proposals if they became the victims of bogus advertising, last-minute changes to bookings and surcharges.

Tour operators are expected legally to be bound to offer customers a written contract to make it easier to claim compensation if promises are not fulfilled. Brochures would also be required to be "legible, understandable and accurate" with legal protection against sudden rises in the advertised prices.

A House of Lords committee, which investigated the Community's proposals, forecasts that they will usher in a fairer deal for those taking package holidays on the Continent.

However, it says that better legal protection will inevitably lead to higher prices. Its report published today says package holidaymakers now want and are ready to pay for a better service.

The peers' welcome will influence Community ministers in drawing up the new laws, due to come into effect on December 31, 1990. Their report will be debated in the House of Lords later this winter.

Package holidaymakers are far more at risk of exploitation than most consumers because they pay their money in advance and have limited rights to compensation if their holiday does not live up to expectations, the report states. Their demand for better protection comes after the cut-throat competition among tour operators for the custom of Europe's 150 million travellers a year.

On the whole the peers believe the EEC's plans strike a fair balance between tour operators and holidaymakers.

"The committee takes account of the realities of a market in which tour operators habitually overbook accommodation and airlines overbook flights for commercial reasons, and in which the cheap rates paid by package holidaymakers are at the cost of accepting that flights may be consolidated and hotels changed."

The report backs the introduction of a compulsory written contract for all package holidaymakers with guaranteed compensation if the price goes up by more than 10 per cent or big changes in travel arrangements are made.

However it stops short of supporting proposals for a total ban on surcharges, guaranteed compensation for flight delays and compulsory insurance for all services promised by tour operators.

An EEC-wide law should also be restricted to travel and accommodation deals for holidays abroad. Peers fear that under its present wording tighter controls could apply to "day-trips to the zoo".

The European Commission estimates that one in four holidaymakers would not use the same tour operator again because of some complaint, while one in 20 felt strongly enough to claim compensation.

The report states: "There is also a strong public policy argument that the package traveller needs special protection because among consumers he is unusually vulnerable.

"He has paid all his money in advance, he cannot easily take his custom elsewhere or replace a spoilt holiday and he has in practice no realistic remedy against airline delays or foreign hotel owners."

Both peers and the EEC agree that holiday brochures should be bound legally to fulfil their promises.

The Advertising Standards Authority gave details of cases where people had not found the "magic and romance" promised in brochures.

For instance, a holiday in Norway talked of "the land of the midnight sun". The authority said: "Unfortunately the trip being advertised was timed for late September, when the midnight sun has ended – and indeed the advertiser conceded that even in midsummer the midnight sun was probably not visible at the particular town in Norway he was advertising".

In other cases, hotels had not provided the promised services, beaches had turned out to be further away and consisted of "builder's rubble" rather than golden sands.

House of Lords select committee on European Communities: 20th report Package Travel (Stationery Office; £11.30).

The transforming art of becoming an ugly sister

JAMES MCRUAIR



Hugh Rowberry, aged nine, being transformed yesterday into one of Cinderella's ugly sisters as part of the Royal Ballet's educational project to involve children in its forthcoming productions. Hugh, from St Mary of the Angels Primary School, Bayswater, west London, is playing one of the ugly sisters in his school's production of *Cinderella* on December 15, which coincides with the Royal Ballet's version of Sir Frederick Ashton's ballet. It took Mr Ron Freeman, the Royal Opera House's wig master and make-up artist, an hour to apply the false nose, eyelashes, face paint and wig. Children from the four schools taking part in the project learn about all aspects of ballet from dance to hat-making.

Newspaper boy murder appeal

Move to win parole denied

A witness who gave evidence nine years ago against the three accused killers of Carl Bridgewater, a newspaper delivery boy aged 13, admitted in the Court of Appeal yesterday that he had served numerous jail terms for deception.

But Mervyn Ritter, aged 50, denied that he was desperate to get parole at the time he claimed to hear two of the accused implicate themselves in the 1978 shotgun killing.

Ritter, who is serving a three-and-a-half year sentence in Pentonville Prison, London, for theft and deception, was giving evidence before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Potts on the sixth day of the appeal into the case ordered by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

At Stafford Crown Court in 1979, Mr Justice Drake sentenced the three for Carl's murder in September 1978 and aggravated burglary at Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, West Midlands.

James Robinson, aged 54, of Wolston Croft, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, and Vincent Hickey, aged 34, of Badger's Close, Redditch, were sentenced to life with a recommendation that they serve a minimum of 25 years. Vincent Hickey's cousin, Michael Hickey, then aged 17, was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure but was later transferred to a special hospital in Liverpool. A fourth man, Patrick Molloy, aged 51, was convicted of Carl's manslaughter, but died in prison in 1981.

At the time Ritter implicated Robinson and one of the Hickeys in the killing he was serving a five-and-a-half year sentence.

In reply to Mr Jeremy Roberts QC, counsel for the crown, Ritter said he was serving his sentence on D3 security landing in Winson Green prison, Birmingham, when he heard "confessions" by the two men.

He admitted he was given 66 days special remission of his sentence after the trial and was released in May 1980. The hearing continues.

Airline threat to quit Gatwick for Continent

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

One of the world's fastest growing airlines is so frustrated with conditions at Gatwick that it is drawing up plans to develop its main European base at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport instead.

Wardair of Canada is spending more than $1 billion building a fleet of 56 jets and had planned to make Gatwick the link airport from which passengers from Canada could catch flights into the Continent, Africa and the Far East.

"But although we have tried for almost a year to persuade the BAA to allow us to improve the services to our passengers through our own lounge and a better stand, we have been unable to do so", the airline said.

Now Wardair is negotiating with Schiphol which, it says, has been far more helpful.

At Gatwick, Wardair said it was told that, as a foreign carrier, it was not allowed to recruit its own staff to handle passengers, could not have its own lounge and had to park aircraft on a remote.

Now plans to fly twice a day into Amsterdam from next April could be extended and flights originally planned for Gatwick will by-pass Britain and go to Amsterdam instead.

"We will continue to use Gatwick but we are reviewing how many of our 23 flights a week will remain there."

The airline began flying cut-price charter passengers between Britain and Canada in 1962.

Sporting sea anglers angry over cod ban in Channel

By Alan Hamilton

Fishermen who dangle their lines for cod off the south coast are incensed that they have been caught in the net of a fishing ban aimed at conserving stocks from rapacious commercial trawlermen.

Ministry of Agriculture inspectors have been lying in wait on the quayside at Brighton Marina and at Langstone, near Portsmouth, in recent days checking the catches of sea anglers to ensure that illicit cod is not among them. So far no prosecutions have resulted.

The ministry imposed the cod ban along the coast earlier this year after British commercial fishermen had caught most of their annual European Community quota of 1,800 tons of Channel cod within three months. The ban was lifted for two weeks in October to allow the rest of the quota to be caught, but since the beginning of this month cod fishing has again been illegal from Cornwall to Sussex.

Sports fishermen have written to the ministry arguing that their share of the catch is so insignificant that they should be exempted from the ban. They are encouraged by recent scientific evidence, which came to light only after the fishing ban was imposed in March, that Channel cod stocks are at their highest for at least 15 years. The EEC has granted Britain an extra 150 tons of cod quota in the Channel this year ecause of the healthy stocks, and the ban is about to be lifted briefly.

Mr Peter Blacklock, secretary of the National Federation of Charter Skippers, representing 500 boatmen who make their living taking anglers out to sea, said: "This ban is an interference with civil liberties. The Tory government is supposed to be in favour of small businesses.

"The whole sporting catch from the Channel in a year is less than 20 tons, the equivalent of one day's fishing by one commercial boat."

The ban had seriously affected the boat charter business, Mr Blacklock said.

"The purpose of this ban may be conservation, but we can't attach a note to our hooks saying 'No cod'."

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Freed activist in ANC peace bid

Johannesburg — The veteran black South African politician, Mr Zephania Mothopeng, the 75-year-old president of the banned Pan Africanist Congress, yesterday offered a tentative olive branch to the other main black nationalist organization, the outlawed African National Congress (Michael Hornsby writes). The rivalry between the PAC and the ANC is one of the most notorious divisions in black politics.

Speaking at a press conference at a church in Soweto, Mr Mothopeng, who was released from jail last Saturday after serving nine years of a 15-year term for terrorism, appealed for unity and called on the government to free the ANC leader, "Comrade Nelson Mandela", from prison. His release was clearly motivated mainly by his poor health. Doctors say he has cancer of the thymus gland.

"My first task, which I am going to do everything in my powers to discharge, is to unite the African people. I have been committed to that unity and am going to devote all my time and effort in seeing to it that the task is fulfilled," Mr Mothopeng declared.

Shooting ultimatum

Sydney — Australia has issued a 24-hour ultimatum to the Yugoslavs to surrender a gunman who allegedly shot a schoolboy outside the Yugoslav Consulate here (Christopher Morris writes). On a day of angry diplomatic exchanges the Yugoslavs first agreed, then refused, to allow police to enter the building where he was hiding.

The schoolboy, Josef Tokic, aged 15, is in intensive care with a bullet lodged near his spine. He was reportedly shot by a Yugoslav security guard at the consulate who was trying to disperse 1,500 Croats staging a demonstration.

Fraud case advances

Madrid — Spanish police yesterday identified the suspect arrested in Marbella on Friday in connection with a multimillion-pound investment fraud as an American, and Swiss detectives arrived on the Costa del Sol, as detectives began unravelling the international criminal organization which may have cheated thousands of Britons (Harry Debelius writes). They sorted through half a tonne of computer print-outs found at the Marbella office for evidence to support suspicions that the Costa "boiler room" was linked to operations in Switzerland, France and Germany.

Genscher in Iran

Tehran (Reuter) — Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, starting talks in Tehran, voiced concern yesterday about alleged human rights abuses in Iran and the ordeal of 18 Westerners believed held hostage in Lebanon. Herr Genscher specifically mentioned Terry Anderson, an American journalist kidnapped by pro-Iranian Shia Muslim guerrillas in March 1985. "The fate of the hostages in Lebanon was only brought up briefly today, but the matter will be addressed more extensively in further talks on Tuesday," an official in the German party said.

Resettling Romania

Bucharest (Reuter) — President Ceausescu of Romania has reaffirmed his plan to destroy thousands of villages and resettle inhabitants in new towns. Speaking yesterday at the start of a three-day Communist Party Central Committee meeting, Mr Ceausescu said he hoped to create about 550 new towns. Some villages had already been transformed.

His agricultural programme has come in for international criticism, particularly from Hungary, which believes it is aimed at eradicating the culture of the Hungarian minority in Romania.

The baby that is over 30,000 years old



Two Soviet scientists in Leningrad measuring a baby mammoth found recently in the Yamal peninsula in western Siberia.

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Mammoths and dinosaurs tend to be linked as contemporary forms of extinct prehistoric creatures. That they were separated by millions of years accounts for the fact that remarkably well-preserved remains of the far younger mammoth, which is little more than 30,000 years old, including a new find of a baby pictured here, are discovered periodically in the permafrost in Siberia.

Like other large mammals, such as the woolly rhinoceros and the European grizzly bear, the mammoths were victims of the last great ice age of the Quarternary period, between 40,000 and 30,000 years ago. The main organs of the deep-frozen animals have decayed but the tougher tissues remain from which molecular biologists hope to extract genetic material for laboratory experiments. The large mammals succumbed not directly to the cold of climatic change but to a loss of food supplies, as the pattern of flora and fauna that was broadly similar across Eurasia and "Beringia" in North America . was obliterated by the ice sheet.

Envoys on alert after visa decision

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

Washington's decision to bar Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, from the United Nations has provoked a wave of anti-American fury throughout the Arab world which Western sources fear could swiftly degenerate into a new campaign of terrorist attacks against United States targets both in the region and in Western Europe.

The sources said that instructions had already been issued to American diplomats and other embassy staff to be on maximum alert against possible revenge attacks by extremists.

Unlike previous upsurges of hostility against the US, notably that which followed the bombing of Libya in April, 1986, the current outbreak of anti-American sentiment appears to have united moderate and radical Arabs and to have affected even ordinary members of the public who are not usually involved in politics or propaganda.

Mr Kamel Abu Jaber, a Jordanian professor of political science, said that as a result of Washington's decision, which was "terribly unwise politically and legally questionable", the threat would no longer come from veteran PLO left-wingers like Mr George Habash and Mr Nayef Hawatmeh, leaders respectively of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

"The peace process lasted from 1967 until 1988 and it died at the hands of George Shultz (the US Secretary of State)," he said. "When this reaches the man in the street, the reaction from Communists, Muslim fundamentalists, or whoever, will make the radicalism of Habash pale by comparison."

In some Arab countries, American ambassadors were summoned to hear protests against what a Kuwaiti newspaper yesterday termed a "humiliation" for the entire Arab world.

A similar description was used by Bahrain's *Akhbar Al Khalij* newspaper, which added: "Arab governments, without exception, are asked today to announce their intention to conduct a full review of ties with the US at every level — military, economic and political."

One US resident in Egypt explained: "You can feel the anger with everyone you talk to, even if they are too polite to state it in so many words. I think that the real crunch will come if the Arabs see that Bush is going to toe exactly the same line."

Meanwhile, Mr Arafat, in his first public reaction to the visa ban, expressed confidence that, thanks to widespread international backing, the campaign to have this week's UN General Assembly debate on Palestine moved to either Geneva or Vienna would face no problems.

In Baghdad, he described the US decision as "strange and illegal" and said that Mr Shultz had shown his open alliance with Israel and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, its Prime Minister. "The whole world now understands the reason why the cause of peace in the Middle East cannot advance one step due to the attitude of the American Administration," he said.

But Mr Arafat claimed the ban had not surprised him. "Shultz's shuttle tours to the Middle East were aimed at nothing but to express Shamir's views ... what was behind the scenes was probably more horrid," he said.

The strengthening of Arab unity as a result of the US move was underlined yesterday when President Saddam Hussein made a surprise visit to Cairo, his first since he became Iraq's leader in 1979.

After talks at which the denial of Mr Arafat's visa featured prominently, Egypt's President Mubarak claimed that he would give Washington a chance to lift the ban before throwing his weight behind Arab moves to shift the General Assembly session to a venue outside the US.

Jordan's official Petra news agency had earlier reported that Mr Mubarak and King Husain of Jordan had agreed to spearhead the campaign to have the debate switched to Geneva.

"Most Arabs are thinking of this," explained President Mubarak, who sent a personal telegram to President Reagan calling on him to allow the PLO leader to make his speech. "I am waiting for the US to reconsider because they have so many friends in the area and they should reconsider the question."

The Egyptian press had earlier reported that Mr Mubarak and King Husain had agreed by telephone jointly to head the campaign for the move of the General Assembly session from New York to Geneva.

Official Egyptian sources said yesterday that the Jordanian monarch was expected in Cairo later this week to continue the series of Arab mini-summits.

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Polish 'round table' removed

Warsaw (Reuter) — Poland's Communist rulers have quietly taken away the round table specially built for talks with Solidarity, signalling the end of a brief but stormy flirtation with the banned union.

The massive oak table is no longer in the Jablonna Palace, near Warsaw, where it was set up in October, and witnesses said it was taken away on November 7.

Its unannounced removal marked the end of a three-month drive by the Government towards what would have been an historic deal with the opposition on economic and political reforms. The move also dashed prospects of an immediate national reconciliation and raised serious questions about the future.

Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the anti-Solidarity politician who became Prime Minister in September, believes he can solve Poland's problems by other means.

Instead of a round table, he plans a "social pact" next year with the Communist-led unions set up in 1982 after Solidarity was outlawed.

The aim of the pact is to reassure workers and win acceptance for reforms which have already pushed inflation to 60 per cent this year.

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, called the proposed pact with the communist unions a "mutual admiration society" that could resolve nothing.

Other Polish observers, including the Roman Catholic bishops, fear Mr Rakowski may be on a collision course with Polish society. "Most of the bishops think Rakowski is not a man of national accord," a source close to them said.

"Some hope he may perhaps move Poland out of economic stagnation, but others who know him don't expect much. If you look coldly at what he has done, you can see he has had no success so far," the source added.

Senior bishops were also worried that some recent anti-Government demonstrations had been unusually aggressive for Poland.

"Some bishops feel the social atmosphere in Poland is beginning to boil," the source said.

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Threat of Senate impasse forces Bush to mend fences with Dole



Senator Dole: His career is believed to have peaked.

From Michael Binyon
Washington

In a well publicized attempt to bury an ancient hatchet, President-elect George Bush yesterday had lunch at his White House office with Senator Robert Dole, the Republican Senate minority leader and his former bitter rival for the Republican nomination.

The lingering bad relations between the two men threaten to torpedo Mr Bush's efforts to work with Congress on the deficit and other programmes.

Without the firm backing of the Republican party leadership in the Senate, Mr Bush will be unable to seek an accommodation with the Democrats. The dislike of the two men for each other is palpable and politically embarrassing.

It led in February to a blazing row on the Senate floor on the eve of the Iowa caucus, when Mr Dole demanded an apology from Mr Bush over remarks the Bush campaign had made about his "cronyism" and Mrs Elizabeth Dole's finances.

During the New Hampshire primary, Mr Dole sharply attacked Mr Bush as a man who had had no visible influence on Reagan Administration policy. But he was stung by Bush television advertisements suggesting Mr Dole — "Senator Straddle" — might raise taxes, and in a live television confrontation on the night of Mr Bush's primary victory told him angrily: "Stop lying about my record."

Mr Dole later pledged support for the Bush candidacy, but was snubbed in his attempt to become the vice-presidential running mate, and attacked the Bush selection procedure as "demeaning." On election night, he again criticized Mr Bush for not doing enough to help congressional candidates, indirectly blaming him for Republican losses in the Senate that weakened Mr Dole's position as minority leader.

Mr Dole has made no secret of the bad blood between them. During a trip to the Far East with a congressional delegation earlier this month, he remarked: "I heard about the stories suggesting that George Bush's real enemy was Bob Dole, not Mikhail Gorbachov. I heard about Bush aides saying that Bush has total disdain for Dole, for anyone who knows Dole and for anyone who works for Dole."

Mr Bush has certainly done little until now to soothe Mr Dole's wounded vanity, in which class prejudice has played a large part. The 65-year-old Senator from Kansas has scorned the 64-year-old Vice-President as a rich upper-class son of a senator who was helped by money and friends in his career of appointed offices, while Mr Dole had to overcome poverty and a severe war injury to win a series of elections.

Mr Bush has been hurt by Mr Dole's caustic wit, often at his expense. Republicans say he is now exacting his revenge by publicly shunning the Doles and not even considering Mrs Dole, a former Secretary of Transport, for any post in the Bush Administration, although he is still looking for qualified women.

Senator Dole has probably now seen his political career peak. Fellow Republicans say there is now a "hollowness" in him.

He would find it particularly galling to see Vice-President Dan Quayle, the young former junior senator from Indiana, presiding over the Senate. Much of the impetus for a reconciliation has come from Mr Sununu, the designated White House Chief of Staff, and former Governor of New Hampshire who was the architect of Mr Bush's crucial victory there. Mr Sununu praised Mr Dole recently as a "successful, mature politician," and said he was looking forward to working with him.

Although Mr Bush and Mr Dole will never be firm friends, their political interests compel them to work out an effective partnership.

Mr Dole said before the lunch he did not see any problem. But he has made it clear he will only help Mr Bush if he is treated with respect.

Russians finalize changes in Constitution and polls

From A Correspondent, Moscow

The 300-member Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party held a full meeting, or plenum, yesterday to finalize the wording of controversial changes in the country's Constitution and a new election law. Both documents will be passed into law today at a session of the Soviet parliament, the Supreme Soviet.

The laws have caused an unprecedented wave of debate and unrest, particularly in the smaller Soviet republics, which fear they will diminish their already slender share of sovereignty over their own affairs.

Details of President Gorbachov's speech to the closed plenum were not immediately available, but he was expected to restate his opposition to the kind of "extreme" moves taken by the tiny Baltic republic of Estonia, which tried to pre-empt the new laws by passing its own constitutional amendments and giving itself the right of veto over laws passed in Moscow.

It was also expected that the new Estonian party leader, Mr Vaino Valjas — who, ironically, was chosen for the job by Mr Gorbachov — would stick to his guns, defending the position supported overwhelmingly by the Estonian public and by their deputies in the republic's parliament.

Mr Valjas said on Sunday night that he would not give up the drive for sovereignty for the republic. At a session of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet on Saturday the Estonian President, Mr Arnold Ruutel, also defended the republic's bid for sovereignty.

Mr Gorbachov, who spoke approvingly of the open debate aroused by the laws, which were published in draft form a month ago, nonetheless described the Estonian claims as "erroneous and invalid".

The dispute revolves around differing interpretations of sovereignty and "regional self-management" in the economy. The Kremlin has given the go-ahead for regions to have much greater economic autonomy, but the Estonians have gone further in two ways.

First, they have demanded exclusive republican control over everything — including natural resources which the Soviet Constitution claims to be common Soviet property — and also "all- union" industries run wholly or partly by Moscow-based ministries.

Second, they have interpreted the concept of sovereignty much more widely than the Kremlin.

The Praesidium on Saturday adopted a decree which declared as unconstitutional an Estonian declaration of sovereignty.

The declaration, adopted by the republican parliament on November 16, stated that Estonian laws should take precedence over all union laws, and that Soviet laws would take effect in the republic only after approval by the Estonian parliament.

Mr Gorbachov appears to support the present constitutional situation, in which Soviet laws are automatically valid throughout the union. This effectively reduces the "sovereignty" of the republics to nil.

But Mr Gorbachov, in his speech to the Praesidium, published in yesterday's newspapers, described for the first time the kind of economic division of labour which he envisages between the republics and the centre.

He said that major industries — the railways, air transport, energy, oil and gas, steelmaking and machine-building — would have to remain under central control. Dividing such industries up would be, he said, "not only economically undesirable but also impracticable".

On the other hand, light industry and the food-producing sector, plus local transport and trade, the health service, schools and public catering, could, he said, be run by republics — or even by smaller provinces or regions.

Such a compromise solution will certainly leave many Estonian economists and ordinary people — and also the new popular front organization — feeling disappointed.

Their long-term aim is for complete economic autonomy, and for "trade" (rather than distribution) between the various regions of the Soviet Union.

● **Armenian attack:** Azerbaijanis in Kirovabad ransacked the homes of Armenians, burned their belongings and raped at least two women, two Armenians who fled from the city said yesterday (Reuter reports). The refugees, an Armenian man and his Jewish wife, flew to Moscow at the weekend with their three children and five other people after being taken under armed escort to Kirovabad airport.

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American-Soviet grain pact extended

Moscow (Reuter) — The United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement yesterday extending a pact on US grain exports for the next two years.

The US side said Soviet demands on better access for Soviet ships to American ports and other issues had made it impossible to clinch a new, longer-term accord. A compromise deal committing the Soviet Union to continue to buy a minimum of nine million tonnes of grain and soya beans annually from America's farmers was reached after eight difficult months of negotiations.

Originally, the biggest exporter and biggest importer of grain had set out to negotiate a new pact to replace one which lapsed in September. But the US Deputy Trade Representative, Mr Alan Holmer, said an accord was delayed because the Soviet Union wanted to expand the deal to include other bilateral trade and shipping issues. In the end, he said, they agreed simply to sign a protocol extending the grain trade pact, which expires in December, until December 31, 1990.

The chief Soviet negotiator, Mr Yuri Chumakov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Economic Relations, called the result a compromise and expressed less than total satisfaction with the outcome.

"Our approach to a new agreement is that we envisage it playing a greater role between the United States and the Soviet Union," Mr Chumakov told reporters. "We failed to reach agreement on the content of a new agreement. That's why the signing of this protocol is a great compromise between the two sides."

● **PARIS:** The Soviet Union and France have signed a $280 million (£155 million) grain deal under which Moscow will import two million tonnes of French cereals, the French trade house, Interagra, said yesterday (Reuter reports).

The Interagra chairman, M Michel Doumeng, said the cereals would be delivered in the first quarter of 1989 at prices similar to the $139 per tonne paid for a delivery agreed in September. The deal was concluded in Moscow after a visit there at the weekend by President Mitterrand.

Baptism for heavyweight champion



Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight boxing champion, being prepared for baptism by immersion at the Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, as the Rev Jesse Jackson, right, and the Rev Henry J Payden, offer prayers for him.

Delors urges EEC summit harmony

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

M Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, yesterday appealed to European Community member states at this week's summit meeting in Rhodes to avoid "dogmatic challenges" to the internal market programme.

In a pre-summit statement outlining the agenda for the two-day European Council beginning on Friday, M Delors acknowledged that any attempt to obstruct integration might embroil the Community in a disruptive crisis.

His statement was in response to a question about his claim on the BBC's *Panorama* programme last night that the Community could be in a "pre-crisis situation".

But he was optimistic that a serious clash of opinion could be avoided if member states heeded his advice, adhered to the agenda, and took stock of the progress made towards the construction of Europe.

"We have made a great deal of headway. The house is in a state of good order. The Community is on the move. The summit should go well unless people do not follow my advice, and stoke up peoples' fears," M Delors said.

He said that the European Council, which will be chaired by Greece, faced three essential tasks: a review of the Commission's mid-term report on progress towards meeting the 1992 deadline, the identification of areas of greatest priority — including fiscal approximation and the abolition of internal frontiers — and outlining new guidelines for future Community initiatives.

He added that the heads of government were expected to discuss the role of the Community in the world, and were likely to issue a statement countering the "unfounded criticism that the Community is in the process of building a Fortress Europe".

The first day of the summit is expected to be devoted to the Commission's review of progress towards 1992, which shows that the Community is well ahead of target on the abolition of technical barriers to trade, but has fallen seriously behind on the abolition of physical and fiscal barriers.

The Commission is also likely to press the heads of state to give additional political impetus to its controversial proposal to bring into line the widely differing indirect taxation regimes of member countries, stalemated by the reluctance of some countries, principally Britain, to accept the need for fiscal approximation.

On Friday evening, during traditional "fireside talks", the member states are expected to discuss international developments, particularly the urgency of reducing America's budget and trade deficits, the prospects for reform of the Soviet economy and improved East-West relations.

Members will also discuss a further response to the Palestinian declaration of independence.

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Eritrea's struggle for independence

Cocktail of socialist theory and practicality puts the rebels ahead

From Andrew Buckoke, Arota, Eritrea

As any military strategist would tell you, an army needs more than weapons to fight with. It needs something to put on its feet. Here in Arota there is a workshop with a moulding machine that produces the black plastic sandals that are the nearest thing the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) has to a uniform.

As any traditional military strategist could *not* tell you, an army nearly one third of whose fighters are women will have other needs. There is also a workshop with the capacity to produce 10,000 sanitary towels an hour.

But in neither case will the EPLF tell you how many are produced. Concealment not just of the number of their fighters but of all their installations has become second nature for the EPLF, the movement that now dominates the Eritreans' 27-year-old struggle for independence from Ethiopia.

Arota, a settlement spread over a complex of rocky valleys in northern Eritrea, is unnoticeable from the air during the day. Everything is hidden in bunkers or under trees to protect it from the Ethiopian Air Force, which tried to bomb it four times in the two weeks we were in Eritrea, but always hit the wrong valleys with napalm and cluster bombs.

From dusk until midnight the generators come on and Arota becomes a hive of activity. There is a school for 4,000 students, and a hospital for 1,000 patients spread along four miles of a tortuous valley, with operating theatres, X-ray departments and a unit that can repair the most disfiguring of war wounds.

At one end of the hospital valley there is a pharmaceutical unit with sophisticated machines and sterile laboratories in old containers that produces tablets, capsules and intravenous solutions accounting for 40 per cent of the requirements for EPLF-controlled areas. Elsewhere in Arota and throughout the base areas there are workshops that can repair anything from a captured tank to a wrist watch and a selection of rudimentary services to connect them. There is a telephone service, a postal service run on motorbikes, and a bus service.

In all but name the Eritrean state already exists for the 1.3 million people who live in areas openly controlled by the EPLF.

The road network carved through the mountains of northern Eritrea is perhaps the EPLF's most impressive achievement, tying all the base areas and the front lines together, but the Front is reluctant to discuss the political system that underpins all this effort. All EPLF members, from the general secretary to the lowliest fighter or workshop assistant, are unpaid volunteers.

● In many ways the EPLF is more socialist than the Ethiopian Government ●

Food, clothes, medical treatment and other services are distributed without any money changing hands. When one of them described this as "to each according to his needs" he was apparently unaware he was quoting Marx. In many ways the EPLF is much more socialist than the Soviet-backed Ethiopian Government.

From top to bottom, however, members of the movement deny it is socialist, despite the EPLF's National Democratic Programme (NDP), which specifies the nationalization of land, big business, natural resources, banking and insurance, and calls for the regulation of private business in a way that mimics the worst failures of experiments in African socialism in recent decades.

The denial of socialism is bizarre, given the movement's organization, with a politburo and central committee.

The question a visitor to Eritrea is most often asked is "What do you think of our revolution?" not "What do you think of our nationalist struggle?"

The slogan chanted by new recruits after each drill movement or field stripping of an AK47 is: "*Awet ne hafash*" ("Victory to the masses").

Yet a central committee member, Mr Ahmed Baduri, said: "We sincerely believe in a multi-party state." The right of "nationalist parties" to contest seats in a post-independence People's Assembly is enshrined in the NDP, even though the rest of the programme apparently predetermines what they could decide.

The emergence of the EPLF as the dominant nationalist movement in the 1970s, when it fought a civil war against the original Eritrean Liberation Front and other factions and then proceeded to absorb or eliminate its rivals, does not argue for a tolerance of differing viewpoints.

But the EPLF's current policies could be as much a reflection of its isolation — in which socialism has become such a norm that it is no longer considered as such — as of an attempt to court support from the West, even if its need for external support is great.

The EPLF claims to run the war largely on the £11 million a year it gets from Eritreans living abroad, against the Ethiopian defence budget of £95,000 million a year. Though the EPLF has captured large quantities of Soviet-supplied weapons and material from the Ethiopians, it is clear the fuel and ammunition it imports through Sudan require considerably more finance than it admits to receiving. Support from the Arab world largely dried up in the late 1970s, when the emergence of the radical EPLF as the dominant group made it clear that pan-Arabist elements in Eritrea were in a minority. The sources of current assistance are unknown.

● In all but name the Eritrean state already exists for the 1.3 million people in EPLF area ●

But it is a reasonable assumption that they are reassured by declarations of support for multi-party systems and mixed economies, even if the EPLF apparently retains the guardianship of the definition of "nationalist parties".

There are none apart from the EPLF at the moment, but, according to Mr Baduri, they would have to support the "aspirations of the people" and "social justice" in Eritrea.

The austere, self-reliant philosophy that has been so successful in the war against the Ethiopians, and allows old ammunition boxes to be used as beehives — "from strength comes forth sweetness" — will not neccessarily transfer to the modern nation state that is the Eritreans' goal.

Even their friends concede that the selfless, cheerful idealism that characterizes the EPLF could easily be transformed into the sort of corrupt, self-serving bureaucracy all too common in Africa.

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Iraqi leader unveils reforms permitting rival parties to exist

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

In a move to liberalize one of the Middle East's most repressive regimes, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has unveiled a programme of political reforms, including one allowing political parties in opposition to his Baath Socialist Party, which has ruled virtually unchallenged for more than 20 years.

In a television broadcast, the President, who has for some time had the reputation of being prepared to trample over human rights in his pursuit of power, also announced an amnesty for those convicted of, or wanted for, political offences, but not for "Iranian spies".

The reforms, which follow recent moves to privatize large sectors of Iraq's state-run economy and attract foreign investment, are seen as an attempt by President Saddam to bolster his support at home and to meet expectations aroused by the ending of the eight-year war with Iran.

"He knows that his people want something tangible now that the fighting has stopped," one diplomat explained, adding: "Hardly a family exists that has not had a relative killed, wounded or captured."

The Iraqi leader, who is aged 51 and who became President in 1971, is believed by many observers to be determined to wrest regional Middle East leadership from his traditional rivals now that the war is over.

He also used his late-night television broadcast on Sunday to maintain that Iraq would not interfere in the internal affairs of other Arab countries. This was seen as aimed mainly at Syria, Iraq's bitterest rival.

President Saddam, who was filmed addressing Arab lawyers, said the Iraqi Baath Party had adopted the notion of a multi-party system without reserve. "New parties will be formed in addition to the existing ones in order to play their role in society," he said.

Baghdad (Reuter) — Iraq said yesterday it was going to complain to the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross about Iran's decision to halt the exchange of sick or wounded Gulf War prisoners, calling the Iranian action "vicious".

Western experts think the Iraqi leader has been much influenced by the process of *perestroika* in the Soviet Union, and that he sees the relaxing of central control as a way to reduce discontent.

Both Arab and Western observers were cautious in their assessment of how far the new reforms would go, particularly on the number of political detainees who would qualify for a pardon and the extent to which the notoriously hard-line security services would relax their grip on dissident opinion.

Because of the nature of the announcement, it was not clear if the Communists and pro-Syrian factions of the Baath party, which came close to being wiped out in earlier purges, or the Kurdish Democratic Party, leading a struggle for autonomy in northern Iraq, would be legalized.

One purpose of the President's moves towards gradually untying the straight-jacket which has restricted ordinary life in Iraq is believed to be the need to satisfy the Iraqi Shia Muslims, who believe that their community is owed special thanks for loyal defence of the regime against their fanatical co-religionists in Iran.

Signs of gradual liberalization had emerged before Sunday's announcement, including a "Freedom Wall" at Baghdad University where students can express grievances, and the publication in the state press of letters complaining about high prices or a shortage of college places.

Women enter Israeli religious debate



A former US Congresswoman, Mrs Bella Abzug, left, speaking at a demonstration in Jerusalem yesterday against efforts by some Israelis to narrow the definition of Jewish origin. The South African MP, Mrs Helen Suzman, right, also took part.

Strikes hit West Bank and Gaza

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

All businesses in the occupied territories were closed by a general strike yesterday on the orders of the united leadership of the uprising, which backs the Palestine Liberation Organization.

All shops have been ordered to stay shut again today by Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist resistance group.

The reasons for the two strike calls are different. The PLO wants to support demands for the immediate release of the 5,656 Palestinian prisoners the Israelis say are currently in detention. Of these, 1,590 are being held without trial. Only 377 have been tried and sentenced.

Hamas has called its strike to mark the anniversary of the 1947 UN vote in favour of partitioning Palestine between Jews and Arabs. Although Palestinian sources suggest that Hamas is backed by only around 10 per cent of the population in the territories, few shopkeepers are expected to risk having their premises damaged by defying the strike call.

The strikes come as the first anniversary of the *intifada* (uprising) approaches on December 9, when Hamas has already called another strike in advance of its PLO rival, which is also known to be preparing demonstrations.

The strikes come, too, as Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, has reported a decrease in the level of violence following the declaration in Algiers of an independent Palestinian state.

A massive Army clampdown and widespread curfews prevented demonstrations planned then, and Mr Rabin considers this crackdown has also succeeded in subduing potential violence now.

However, anger at the refusal by the United States to grant a visa to Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, boiled over in a number of incidents during the weekend and curfews have been imposed on villages and camps in the West Bank and Gaza.

Tension is particularly high in the Gaza Strip, where the *intifada* began, and all camps were placed under curfew yesterday after a weekend in which local sources said more than two dozen people were wounded and one killed by Israeli gunfire.

Among those injured was the brother of one of the three boys killed in Jabaliya camp during the demonstration last December which sparked off the *intifada*. Since then, according to Israeli Army figures, 240 Palestinians have been killed and 3,503 wounded. These figures are contested by Palestinian sources, which claim the true figure is more than 320 dead, with up to 25,000 wounded.

The differences on the number of deaths arise largely because Israel does not include the figures for those buried before post mortems. It also denies Palestinian claims that young children and infirm old people have been asphyxiated by tear gas.

The vastly higher figure for those said to be wounded is because most Palestinians refuse to go for medical treatment for fear of being arrested in hospital.

On the Israeli side, six civilians and two soldiers have been killed and 722 soldiers and 399 civilians have needed treatment for injuries.

Meanwhile, settlers in the West Bank have decided to take action — so far unspecified — to try to force the Army into increasing security measures on roads, after a woman from Ginot Shomron settlement near Kalkilya was seriously injured by a building block thrown at her car.

Soviet trip raises storm

Jerusalem — Mr Avraham Tamir, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, yesterday continued a 48-hour visit to Moscow, ignoring the controversy he sparked off by making the trip without first informing his superior, Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Peres said he was astounded when he was told about the visit for the first time during Sunday's Cabinet meeting. Mr Tamir will be called in to explain what he was doing when he returns home tomorrow.

He is the most senior Israeli official to visit the Soviet Union since diplomatic relations were broken off after the Six Day War in 1967. He has been seeing members of the Israeli Consular Mission in Moscow.

Syrian crackdown in Beirut

Beirut (Reuter) — The Syrian Army launched a drive yesterday to end five days of fighting in Muslim west Beirut, raiding houses, seizing weapons and arresting 300 feuding militiamen.

About 600 soldiers, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine-guns, took part in the search for fighters of the Syrian-backed Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God).

A Syrian officer said his troops also confiscated arms in raids on houses and hide-outs in the areas of Museitbeh, Al-Nweiri, Hay al-Lija, Bourj Abu Haidar and Khandak al-Ghamik. Scores of soldiers took up combat positions on street corners as others searched buildings. Truck-loads of soldiers stood by.

The Syrian military command renewed orders to its men to shoot gunmen on sight following the collapse of six truces since fighting between the rival Shia Muslim militias erupted on Thursday.

"If you see anyone holding a gun, spray him immediately. Kill him on the spot. We're not playing around here," said an officer as he ordered his unit to search a seven-storey building in Bourj Abu Haidar. The crackdown followed a clash between Hezbollah and Amal in the Houd al-Wilaya area of west Beirut in defiance of an earlier Syrian "shoot on sight" warning.

Police said at least 29 people had been killed and 72 wounded in the battles since Thursday in west Beirut and the Shia southern suburbs.

In the poverty-stricken suburbs, home for half a million people, fighting tapered off to sporadic exchanges of machine-gun fire. Syrian troops did not move into the suburbs in force.

Hezbollah and Amal are vying for control of Shia areas but until Thursday's clashes, the struggle had been relatively subdued.

Vietnam offer to refugees rejected

Manila — Vietnamese hopes to resolve the problem of the "boat people" have been dashed because the offer of repatriation is being shunned by thousands of refugees in camps around South-East Asia (Humphrey Hawksley writes).

After two meetings this year between Vietnamese and British officials, only about 400 of the 25,000 refugees living in poor conditions in Hong Kong have volunteered to return.

Refugees in a better-equipped camp in Malaysia threatened to riot last month when they heard that a Vietnamese delegation was coming to their island of Palau Bidong.

Drugs haul

Ankara (Reuter) — Police found 500lb of heroin worth £7.8 million, the biggest drugs haul in Turkey this year, in a truck which had been driven into a reservoir near the city of Van, near the Iranian frontier.

Judge booked

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Judge Patrick O'Dea of Hong Kong, who abandoned a robbery trial after admitting reading a book during the case, has resigned.

Election call

Port Vila (Reuter) — President Sokomanu of Vanuatu called for a general election in the South Pacific island group to stop the "nonsense" of boycotts of by-elections, which he said could cause economic disaster.

Wall death

Peking (AP) — Miss Collena Wong, aged 34, from New Zealand, has died from injuries received when a Chinese couple set off an explosion on the Great Wall in a lovers' suicide pact.

More blood

Tokyo (AFP) — Emperor Hirohito received a further blood transfusion and his temperature and pulse rose.

Jobs to go

Kampala (AFP) — At least 40,000 civil servants in Uganda will lose their jobs in a move to trim the country's 240,000-strong public service.

Bhutto seeks control of Punjab

From Anatol Lieven, Islamabad

With the appointment of Miss Benazir Bhutto as Prime Minister on Thursday now virtually assured, her Pakistan People's Party is trying also to capture the chief ministership in the key province of Punjab, appointing Miss Bhutto's chief lieutenant, Sardar Farooq Leghari, as its candidate for the post.

The rival Islamic Democratic Alliance emerged as the largest party in the Punjab Provincial Assembly in the elections held on November 19. Its leader in Punjab, Mr Nawaz Sharif, is now virtually leader of the alliance throughout the country thanks to the electoral elimination of his main rivals.

The choice between Mr Sharif and Sardar Leghari will be made by the Provincial Assembly on Friday, the day after President Ishaq Khan names whoever is to be his Prime Minister.

The Punjab could be the key to the stability of a future Government in Islamabad.

More than 60 per cent of Pakistan's population live there, and Mr Sharif has already hinted that, if he is confirmed in it, he will set out to use his position as chief minister to hinder the work of a national Pakistan People's Party Government under Miss Bhutto.

Some Western observers here have in recent days formed the impression that Miss Bhutto's party is in danger of losing its grip in Punjab.

Party leaders repeatedly have claimed that independent members of the Punjab assembly, and even members of Mr Sharif's alliance, were coming over to their side, but they have been singularly unable to produce any definite names.



Mr Sharif: Punjab post would add to his influence.

The alliance, on the other hand, has been promised the support of 27 independents.

This may not, however, be worth very much when Miss Bhutto forms the national government.

Several independent MPs, such as the representatives of the Christian community, have already changed their allegiances at least once during the course of the past week.

One reason for the apparent failure of the People's Party to seize the initiative in Punjab after the elections may be that almost all its local leaders have congregated in Islamabad to be close to Miss Bhutto, the source of all real authority and favour within the party.

Sitting with her at the home of her old family friend, Dr Maulana Niazi, in Islamabad, they are dependent on one telephone to keep in touch with the rest of the country, and the general impression given to observers is one of some confusion.

Among People's Party leaders, Sardar Leghari has a reputation for intelligence and scrupulous honesty, although some observers have suggested that these qualities could be drawbacks in the rough and tumble of Pakistani politics.

On the other hand, he has held the tough job of overseeing the internal affairs of the party, and last year carried out an internal reshuffle with considerable firmness.

He comes from a great Punjabi aristocratic family and is, like Miss Bhutto, Oxford educated.

A man of unwaivering loyalty to the party, he held the post of Minister for Production under Miss Bhutto's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

In recent years, Sardar Leghari has held responsibility for formulating the party's economic proposals.

More recently, he has been responsible for recruiting into the party a large number of independent experts in various fields of state policy.

Their advice will be crucial after Miss Bhutto and the party, which has a serious lack of government experience in its upper ranks, come to power.

Grim toll of dowry deaths rising

From Edward Gorman, Delhi

To judge by the picture on the front pages of two national newspapers, Mrs Parvesh Malhotra, aged 26, was a beautiful young woman until she was attacked, allegedly by her mother-in-law.

Mrs Malhotra, a literature graduate at Delhi University and a former teacher, was in the kitchen of her marital home in the Delhi suburb of Indira Vihar when her mother-in-law, she claims, dowsed her with kerosene and set her on fire.

Mrs Malhotra, who has been married for six months and is two months pregnant, was rushed to hospital, where she was described as having severe burns to almost all her body, and given little chance of survival.

Mrs Barsa Rani, her mother-in-law, was arrested after the young woman made a statement in hospital.

The reason for this appalling, yet increasingly common, crime was that Mrs Malhotra's family had apparently failed to provide sufficient dowry after her marriage in April to Rajender, a radio and television repair man.

Her father, Mr Balbir Gupta, who drives a three-wheel scooter for a living and has six more daughters still not married, had to borrow the money — for him, the enormous sum of 55,000 rupees (about £2,200) to pay for his daughter's wedding and for dowry gifts demanded by his son-in-law's family.

This apparently had not satisfied Mrs Rani, who allegedly told her daughter-in-law two weeks ago that if she did not produce 10,000 rupees (about £400) from her parents, and new clothes for her to wear at religious festivals, she would burn her alive.

Mrs Malhotra warned her parents in letters of the threats, but nothing was done. "We thought she should stay with her husband and be happy there," her father said. "Even she felt that way."

Dowry deaths have shown an alarming increase in India in the past three years, but this year looks set to break last year's record figure of 1,886 reported deaths, more than double the 1986 total.

In Delhi alone last year, there were 111 deaths; the tally so far this year is 90. In each case the figures record murders officially reported to the police. The actual numbers killed are widely considered to be far higher.

"It's taken years to establish itself and it will take years to unravel it again," Miss Elizabeth Vatsyayan, a voluntary worker at a women's collective, said. She has several times dealt with the tragedies and horrific injuries associated with dowry killings.

She says that a 1961 Dowry Prohibition Act and later amendments have had little impact on the practice which, once confined to the northern states, has now spread to the south.

Miss Vatsyayan believes the dramatic increase in the number of killings is directly related to steadily rising prices and a falling standard of living during the past five years. Marriage and the dowry that comes with the bride are now seen by many poor families as their only chance of acquiring capital items like cars, television sets and property.

Like *suttee*, in which wives commit suicide by jumping on to their husbands' funeral pyres, dowry killings are deeply embedded in the fabric of Hindu society.

A girl baby is still considered by many Indians to be a curse on the family, and to the family of a prospective bridegroom, the dowry is often viewed as little more than "compensation" for having to take a young woman into the home.

Once married, it is the height of shame for a woman not to live with her husband. As Mrs Malhotra's tragic case attests, it is quite common for parents to resist their daughters' pleas to be allowed to return home even if they have reasonable grounds to suspect she may be in danger.

Ms Madhu Kishwar, the editor of the women's rights magazine, *Manushi*, is not convinced by the figures. She believes many apparent dowry killings have less to do with marriage contracts than with the general violence and abuse directed at women in Indian society.

"Parents of victims tend to mention the dowry as a prime factor because it's a respectable way of making a statement to the police," she said.

"There's often no evidence to prove that it is not due to other forms of harassment — like the colour of the woman's skin or the fact that she couldn't cook," she added.

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MPs attack 'scandal' of Mappa Mundi sale

Serious concern at the prospective sale of the thirteenth-century Mappa Mundi by Hereford Cathedral was voiced at question time by backbench MPs on all sides, one of whom described the move as scandalous.

They were told by **Mr Michael Alison**, for the Church Commissioners, that public debate and public interest might result in the sale not having to take place.

Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C) said that cathedrals were part of the country's aesthetic, spiritual and cultural heritage. It was scandalous that the authorities of Hereford Cathedral were having to consider selling one of their great legacies in order to finance their continued maintenance.

Just as the Government was financing the maintenance of historic churches, more public funds should be made available for the maintenace of cathedrals which did so much to encourage the tourist trade.

Mr Alison: It is a little premature to talk of scandal in the context of the sale of this map. The scandal would arise in my view only if they were forced to sell it.

At present, consideration has been given to selling it. I believe that the public debate and widespread public interest may result in the sale not having to take place.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said that an increasing amount of property was sold on a time-share basis. Could not such a principle be applied to the Mappa Mundi?

That would raise the necessary funds and make sure that the map came back to the cathedral while it sorted out its finances.

Mr Alison said that proposal was a helpful and constructive way forward. The cathedral authorities in Hereford had tried to negotiate with the Government and other national bodies and institutions with a view to selling the entire collection of treasures in Hereford Cathedral to the nation at a preferential price on condition that it remained in situ. Unfortunately, those negotiations had not been successful.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) said that that had not been substantiated in all quarters. There did seem to be some dispute as to what precisely was done and when.

Would he take the initiative and call together the various interested parties to try to ensure that the Mappa Mundi remained in situ?

Mr Alison: I will consider whether an intitative by the commission would be helpful and likely to help things forward.

There are many people, privately and in public positions, only too anxious to secure the objective.

The Church Commissioners do already give more than £100,000 a year to Hereford Cathedral.

Later, he said that the care of cathedrals was a matter for cathedrals themselves. The General Synod had recently given general approval to a draft Care of Cathedrals Measure which made certain provision in that area.

Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C) said that the citizens of Hereford and the people of the diocese as a whole were devastated at the prospects for the Mappa Mundi and Hereford Cathedral.

Although the Care of Cathedrals Measure in some way set out a mechanism for at least exercising a veto on moves of the kind contemplated at Hereford, it did not constitute a constructive proposal for solving this kind of problem.

The Church Commisioners had a positive input for establishing a mechanism by which the dean and chapter of cathdrals under threat might realize the maximum value of their assets without actually selling them; that is, "getting into marketing".

Mr Alison said that the Church Commissioners had no direct responsibility for the maintenance of cathedrals.

The controversy over the sale of the Mappa Mundi, which the Archbishop of Canterbury had said would be a severe loss to the nation, would generate very considerable charitable thought or support.

This could possibly come, for example, through City livery companies, the Historic Buildings Commission, the Commission for Historic Manuscripts, the National Memorial Heritage Fund and other similar bodies.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Dem) said that if the synod altered the Care of Cathedrals Measure in January and passed an appropriate measure, it could come to the House and be approved before the prospective sale of the Mappa Mundi by Sotheby's in June.

"We can act in time if the will is there and if the Church Commissioners give their backing."

Mr Alison replied that that was true. But Mr Hughes must not underestimate the controversy in the House if MPs started debating the fabric of cathedrals.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Dem) said that it would be in line with the *Faith in the City* report if more funding could be made avilable to churches in the inner cities, some of which were having to consider selling local variants of the Mappa Mundi.

In his constituency, one was trying to sell a piece of stained glass as a way of trying to pay for a crumbling Victorian edifice.

Mr Alison said that the Government could give help towards the maintenance of the fabric of parish churches, unlike cathedrals. The Church Urban Fund was generating a huge amount of charitable giving.

Two Bills promised to help in protecting environment

Two Bills to help to protect and improve the environment are being produced by the Government later in this Parliament, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said when the debate on the Queen's Speech was resumed.

The first Bill, he said, would introduce an integrated system of pollution control for air, land and water to take account of the unity of the natural environment, putting the pollution inspectorate on a proper statutory footing.

The second would reform waste disposal law and increase local authority powers to regulate waste disposal.

Opening the debate, **Dr John Cunningham**, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, moved an amendment regretting that the Queen's Speech contained proposals to create private monopolies by the sale of the nation's water and electricity infrastructure and regretting the absence of a Bill to safeguard comprehensively the nation's environment and heritage.

He said that the Prime Minister, in her Royal Society speech, had moved the environment to the top of her agenda, but it had been at the top of Labour's for a considerable time. He suspected that Mrs Thatcher was aware that 81 per cent of people believed that the Government should be doing more to protect the environment.

Government ideology was completely out of phase with the demands of ecology because successful policies, to be complementary to sound environmental practice, demanded intervention on a constant and wide-ranging front in every facet of policy. It demanded intervention and interference in a way that could only be anathema to Mrs Thatcher and Mr Ridley.

Many Conservative MPs were uneasy about the consequences of Government policies, and Labour shared their concern.

The grotesquely distorted developments of the North-South divide were direct consequences of Government policies since 1979. It was not Mr Ridley's fault but that of Mr Michael Heseltine who had opened the floodgates of development in the South.

QUEEN'S SPEECH

The growth in pressure for development in and around London was a direct result of the policies of this Government since 1979.

The Government was cutting back money on research at a time when there was a Government health warning on eggs because salmonella bacteria was endemic in chickens and eggs.

Government policy on stopping near-market research could lead only to further cuts in long-term scientific work. Ministers continued to downgrade long-term environmental monitoring and research.

Britain had the dirtiest beaches in Europe and nearly 11



Mr Heseltine: Strongly supports water sale

million people were forced to drink water of a quality below that required by EEC standards.

The Government's attitude on tackling the problems of acid rain was dilatory, and Britain was the largest emitter of sulphur dioxide in Western Europe, with an increase of 200,000 tonnes last year.

The Government's response to the results of the Chernobyl catastrophe was still confused and lamentable, and there had been a churlish, miserly and dishonest response by the Government to last year's storm damage.

Britain was still the worst offender when it came to dumping materials into the North Sea, including untreated sludge sewage.

The Opposition implacably opposed the sell-off of electricity and water assets and the possibility of the control of such strategic resources passing abroad.

It was difficult to believe that any national government would elevate the pig-headed pursuit of dogma to such levels. It would mean the end of strategic planning for the electricity industry and a nuclear impost on consumers. Private shareholders got the assets; consumers got the bills.

Water privatization would give consumers no choice. The proposals would result in private monopolies deciding their policies in secret. "There will be no market, no competition, no choice in water supply or sewage disposal."

At a press conference, Mr Ridley had said: Let them use Perrier. Thus spoke Nicholas Antoinette (Labour laughter). Like electricity privatization, water privatization will cost consumers a great deal. The dogma of the Government will burden the whole economy.

It was this Government that now asked MPs to believe that it had become ideologically colour-blind and taken on a green mantle. Environmentalists did not believe it. Industry did not believe it. Mr Ridley's own pollution inspectors did not believe it and the Opposition did not believe it either.

Mr Ridley said that, contrary to Dr Cunningham's figures, government financing for research would increase from £825 million this year to £918 million next year. How on earth could that be described as a cut?

The Opposition had totally ignored the Water Bill which probably made the biggest ever contribution to cleaning the environment (Opposition laughter).

In a radio broadcast, Dr Cunningham had claimed that there were huge gaps in the Water Bill through which the polluters would be able to drive a coach and horses.

The water authorities were both poachers and game keepers. Although the authorities were the greatest dischargers of pollutants into the rivers, they also had to control the pollution into those same rivers.

That unsatisfactory situation was going to be changed so that for the first time there would be a national body dedicated solely to tackling and forestalling pollution.

"So Dr Cunningham was talking absolute rubbish and he knows it."

He also had claimed that pollution inspectors were resigning from the department because they did not believe what ministers were saying.

"Because of speculation in the press, much of it misinformed, Mr Rodney Perriman (chief inspector of water and waste, HM Inspectorate of Pollution) and the department have agreed that the reason for his resignation should be stated publicly."

The disagreement related to proposals for HM Inspectors of Pollution in the regions. These proposals, still subject to consultation, were for specialist teams of inspectors in each region.

Mr Perriman had originally supported the idea, but later changed his mind in favour of teams of multi-purpose inspectors equated on a geographical basis.

"I am sad he feels it necessary to resign over this and I am sad to see him go. But this is his reason for going and it is in no sense over a disagreement with Government policy, or over lack of resources for the inspectorate."

Dr Cunningham's suggestion of a doubling or trebling of water charges was also rubbish. Cleaner beaches, better water quality, improvements to sewage treatment, with the necessary investment, might increase prices by 7.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent, in real terms by the end of the century.

The international ministerial conference on ozone depletion in March would have a big impact in helping developing counties to reduce the use of ozone-depleting chemicals.

On acid rain, the Government had undertaken to make 60 per cent reductions in sulphur-dioxide emissions from existing large power stations by the year 2,003 and a 30 per cent reduction in nitorogen oxide emissions. That would involve further substantial cash.

"Most of what needs to be done does not require legislation, but where it does, as in the Water Bill, we will not hesitate to act.

"My own commitment to safeguard the environmental heritage and, indeed, the very future of the planet, is no less real because it is founded on careful research and sound science.

"This party has made available in government resources to be able to deliver on this commitment, unlike the Labour Party."

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C), a former Secretary of State for the Environment, said that he strongly supported the proposal to privatize the water industry. He wanted to move quickly to raise environmental standards in the country's water industry.

"It cannot be denied that a major way of achieving this is to privatize the water industry and to allow the Government to enhance standards of environmental protection. That is what this measure stands or falls by. It is to be welcomed."

The Government should introduce an environment White Paper that would set out the practices it had in mind. It should give some idea of the cost and timing of implementation.

Environmental protection offered commercial opportunities. When in the 1970s a Conservative Government introduced health and safety at work legislation, a whole range of industries had emerged to meet the new standards which the Government had imposed.

If Britain now wanted to influence the world market place and world environmental standards, that had to be done in concert with the development of the European single market.



The Prime Minister planting a North American paper birch at the Chelsea Physic Garden, London, yesterday to mark National Tree Week. She announced that the Government is to provide a further £6 million to help in replacing trees lost in last year's hurricane (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

'Ingham suite' proposal is rejected

In continued sniping at Mr Bernard Ingham, Mrs Thatcher's chief press officer, a Labour MP suggested that he should be given a suite of rooms at Westminster, as befitted "such a great personage".

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) put this to Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, and asked whether there would be "a sub-station" for Mr Ingham at Buckingham Palace.

Could Mr Wakeham tell MPs once and for all what Mr Ingham had been instructed to say to the lobby on the question of the Queen and Russia? Or was he semi-detached?

Mr Wakeham referred to Mr Dalyell's "rather fanciful suggestions" and said that he had no plans to provide such accommodation for Mr Ingham.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) asked for Commons facilities to televise press briefings by ministers or their press officers.

When a lobby briefing was being given "by someone of the importance of Mr Ingham, who is in fact deputy Prime Minister," the public should be allowed to see him in action, giving his views on national and international affairs.

Mr Wakeham rejected the suggestion that briefings should be televised. Parliamentary lobby journalists had a room allocated to them in a turret above the Upper Committee Corridor.

"I understand it is for their convenience that they invite ministers and their press officers to brief them." Arrangements for briefing outside the House were arranged separately by Government departments. "I do not see any need to change these arrangements."

Plea for regional tunnel termini

TRANSPORT

The search for rail termini for the Channel tunnel should be extended into the regions and not confined to central London, it was suggested in the Commons during question time.

Mr Michael Portillo, Minister of State for Transport, said that rail termini were a matter for British Rail and sites had been suggested at King's Cross, Stratford and White City.

Mr Christopher Gill (Ludlow, C) asked whether British Rail could be encouraged to look at the possibility of using the cheaper, but more extensive sites available north of central London?

Could they also be persuaded of the folly of bringing more passengers into central London, given the present congestion in the metropolis, which bordered on paralysis?

Mr Portillo said that he was keen to see the advantages and benefits of the Channel tunnel extended to every region. However, the terminal chosen must offer free, certain and easy interchange to other regions.

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) said that the second largest centre of population in the United Kingdom was from Merseyside to the Humber. A terminal was needed in the North-west which would serve both those regions. It would be not only an advantage to the regions, but also would relieve congestion in London.

Mr Portillo said that British Rail was required to come forward by the end of next year with plans for regional services for freight and passengers. Discussions were going on through working parties in every region.

Mr Kenneth Hind (West Lancashire, C) asked if consideration could be given to termini in Manchester and Liverpool, using the route suggested by Mr David Mitchell, the former Minister of State for Transport, in his magazine *Tunnel Vision*, which would take traffic out of central London and straight to the tunnel.

Mr Portillo said that he had read the article with interest and he hoped that Mr Mitchell would pursue the proposals with British Rail. It would be for him to persuade British Rail that the suggestion made the best possible sense.

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'Stop roads clogging' demand

TRANSPORT

MPs from both sides of the House called during transport questions for Government action to stop London's roads grinding to a halt.

Miss Diane Abbott (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab), however, who opened the questioning, said that if there were plans to build more roads in London the real concern of the people was homes before roads and safety before profit.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, said that his aim was for a more efficient and attractive public transport, better parking, new technology, trunk roads which would take traffic around London, and to support local authority programmes.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) said that the problems in London were much better dealt with when they were under the direct control of the Department of Transport. It is high time he assumed responsibility for London's transport.

Mr Channon said that that would need primary legislation and he suspected that it would be difficult to get it through the House. But he had some sysmpathy with what Mr Higgins had said.

Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) said that huge amounts of investment were needed to stop London grinding to a halt.

Mr Channon agreed. Investment in London Underground and British Rail was considerably higher than before.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that if public transport continued to go round London at an inadequate pace industry would come to a stop and jobs would be lost. "Will he undertake every measure possible to get transport moving more quickly?"

Mr Channon: To achieve what he has in mind it is essential to provide better public transport in London. I am sure he welcomes the fact that investment in London Underground is now 60 per cent higher in real terms than it was under the Greater London Council.



Miss Abbott: Homes before roads; safety before profit

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, asked Mr Channon to justify his view that an early debate on the Fennell report on the King's Cross fire was not necessary because of the lengthy exchanges which took place on the day of the statement. "The public will see this as a gross dereliction of his responsibility. Will he reconsider?"

Mr Channon said that if the Opposition wanted a debate, the answer was in their hands. Every effort was being made to improve safety on London Underground.

● **Mr Christopher Mullin** (Sunderland South, Lab) said during later questions that the simplest way to reduce the numbers killed on the roads was to reduce the number of heavy lorries, putting freight back on the railways.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, had told him that heavy goods vehicles were less likely to be involved in crashes, but more likely to be associated with fatalities.

He said that one benefit of the Channel tunnel would be that rail freight would benefit from journeys becoming longer.

Accidents were caused where vehicles, whether cars, lorries, or motor cycles, travelled too close, too quickly and with too little regard for others.

Mr Tony Lloyd, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that the travelling public was fed up with ministerial excuses about motorways. The idea of a "gold card fast lane" for executives was ridiculous.

Mr Bottomley said that if planning was like the last Labour Government's, they would not get very far very fast. Spending on new national roads rose by 30 per cent in real terms in the first seven years of this Government and was now planned to increase by another 20 per cent.

Mr David Tredinnick (Bosworth, C) asked him to consider a "super section" of the M1, which could be funded by the private sector.

Mr Bottomley said that a departmental review of motorways and trunk roads network was being conducted.

They needed to have the right perspective. He was fed up with reading about death crashes causing rush-hour chaos when it was found that the cause was that another human being had been killed in a road accident.

● **Mr Michael Portillo**, Minister of State for Transport, declined to confirm or deny a report in *The Times* today that the extension of the M40 from Oxford to Birmingham would be a three-lane motorway. He said that it would be better for the House to wait until the new year and see what Mr Channon said.

Mr Tony Baldry (Banbury, C), asking for the confirmation, said that the story "seems to be based on a reasonably authoritative leak".

Road tax for coaches 'far too low'

The relatively low rate of road tax on coaches amounted to unfair competition between rail and road, *Mr Timothy Yeo* (South Suffolk, C) said during Commons questions. He complained about the damage done to road surfaces by coaches.

Mr Peter Bottomley, **Under Secretary of State for Transport, said that less than 2 per cent of road wear and tear on the motorways and about 8 per cent on all roads was attributable to buses and coaches.**

Mr Yeo **said that since wear and tear by passenger coaches was greater than for ordinary cars, it was ridiculous that the level of taxation paid by coaches was less than was paid on cars.**

"This situation prevents any fair competition between rail and road. British Rail is expected to make a contribution to track costs, but passenger coaches do not."

Mr Bottomley **said that the Government needed to keep this under review.**

Mr Robert Adley **(Christchurch, C) said that, although there had been useful side effects from coach deregulation, the situation in London had been described by the Metropolitan Police as horrendous.**

A 53-seat coach paid less road fund tax than a Fiat Panda. Coaches parked anywhere, paid nothing and left their engines running causing great pollution.

The deregulation Act ought to be reviewed, not with the intention of scrapping it, but to so see if at least there should be returned to London boroughs the right to designate coach routes.

Mr Bottomley **said that that was a matter that should be considered in some other way elswhere.**

Volunteers to try tagging

The Home Office is setting up a pilot project for electronic monitoring of offenders, using unconvicted volunteers who have been remanded on bail. **Mr John Patten**, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply.

He said that the Government had not reached final conclusions on the role of electronic monitoring in the handling of offenders.

The experiment would give practical experience of its benefits and limitations.

Pesticides in water

Routine monitoring has revealed minute traces of pesticides in some drinking water, but Government medical advisers are satisfied that the levels found do not constitute a health risk. **Mr Colin Moynihan**, Under Secretary of State, Environment, said in a written reply.

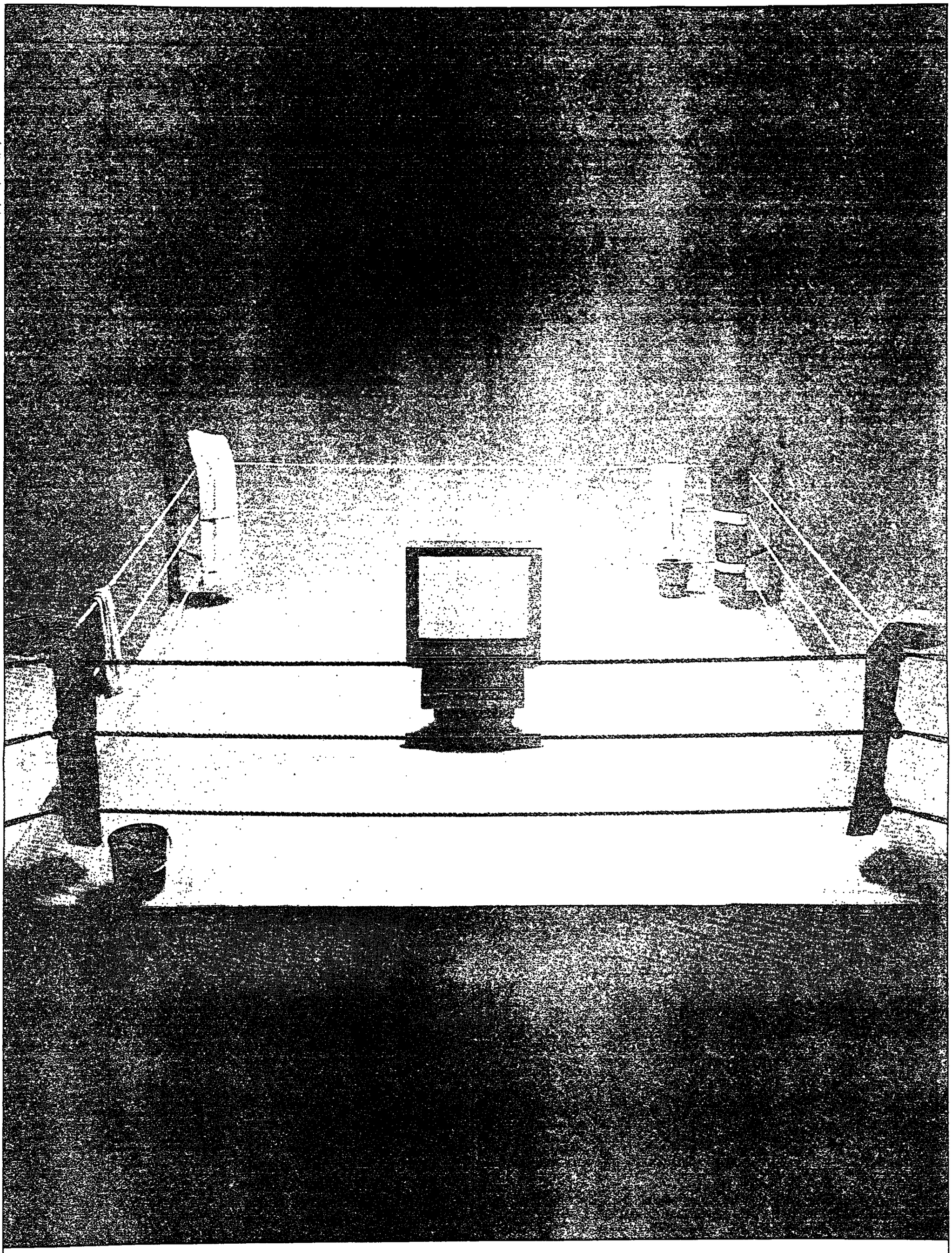
Identity card

The Home Office has asked the Association of Chief Police Officers for a considered and updated view on the reintroduction of a national identity card system, and is awaiting the association's response. **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; Prime Minister. Conclusion of debate on Queen's Speech (the economy).
Lords (2.30): Conclusion of debate on the Queen's Speech (economic affairs and the environment).

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Slowing the march of time

As lifespan increases, senile dementia could reach epidemic proportions. In the final part of his investigation, Thomson Prentice looks at the scientists' battle to control the ageing process itself

Thirty years ago, Malcolm Hodkinson was a young doctor who stepped into what was then seen as the no man's land of medicine. Today, that same area, the health of the elderly, has become one of western society's most important battlefields.

Hodkinson is now professor of geriatric medicine at University College, London. When he began his career, about 300 people in Britain lived to be 100. Now there are eight times as many, and the millions who emerged in the post-war baby boom are almost half way towards their own potential centenaries, and preoccupied with their own future health.

"We are all living longer, and the need to improve the quality of life in old age is one of this century's biggest challenges," Hodkinson says. "We may not have cared enough about yesterday's old, but we have to be prepared for our own tomorrows."

By the end of the 20th century, the average lifespan in Europe is predicted by some experts to be double the 45 years that were typical at the beginning of it. The outlook has improved because of successes in tackling infant mortality, the development of antibiotics and vaccines, a cleaner environment, and better standards of health care.

Soon, even more remarkable gains in longevity may be within reach, through an entirely new approach. Scientists are now looking at the ageing process itself, with the aim of trying to slow it down. Their theory is that the answers lie within our genes, which undergo subtle but significant changes as we grow older. From the moment of conception, the theory goes, every individual is affected by random changes in DNA, the chemical building blocks of life. These alterations help determine the speed at which we age.

The theory is being put to the test at the Institute of Experimental Gerontology at Rijswijk, near Delft in the Netherlands, where Dr Andre Uitterlinden and colleagues have developed a new technique which, for the first time, allows such changes to be studied.

The technique is a refinement of the "genetic fingerprinting" breakthrough made by a British researcher, Dr Alec Jeffreys, of Leicester University, in 1984. By subjecting a piece of human DNA to a series of sophisticated tests, he proved that the identity of its owner could be confirmed, like a fingerprint test, but with even more accuracy.

Uitterlinden says the refined process will offer enormous insights into how we age. "We can look at how the genetic material inside cells changes, and can see minute mutations in DNA molecules occurring," he says.

While medical advances in the last few decades have largely thwarted many of the old killers, such as tuberculosis, pneumonia, influenza and other once-lethal infections, in their place have come other diseases — not new, but camouflaged by the previous limits of lifespan.

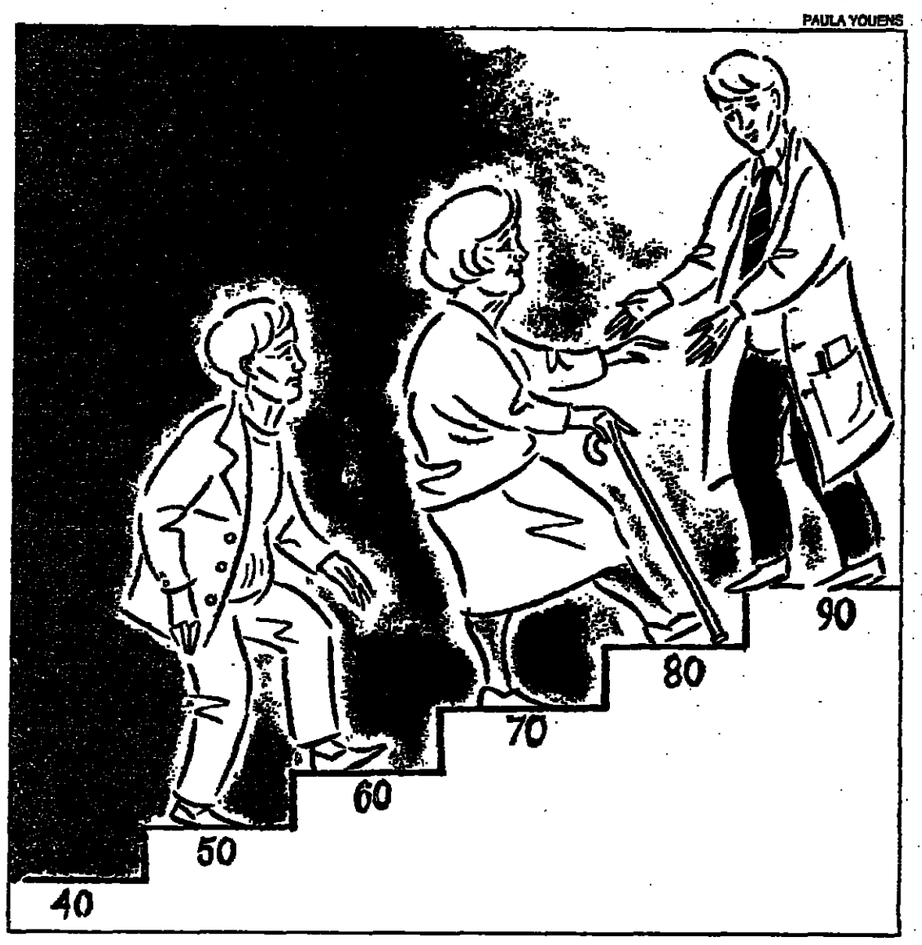
Many specialists believe that cancer, heart disease, senile dementia and other degenerative conditions are a potential risk to us all, but only some of us live long enough to develop them. As the average age of life expectancy increases, Hodkinson says that today it is not the fear of death that overshadows our last years, but the anxiety that we will lose our freedom through mental and physical disabilities.

Possibly as many as a million people in Britain are suffering from Alzheimer's disease, the incurable (and most common) form of dementia. By 1995, the number is expected to double. Worldwide predictions indicate that by the year 2025, there could be 100 million dementia patients, half of whom will be victims of Alzheimer's disease.

Figures like these paint a frightening spectre of an epidemic which makes even Aids seem manageable, for the prospect is of large sections of society stricken by a condition that robs them of their memories, their personalities and their independence, while imposing cruel burdens on the relatives who have to care for them perhaps for many long and painful years.

At its advanced stage, Alzheimer's disease leads to complete mental and physical deterioration. Almost everything is forgotten, including the difference between day and night. This sad process can take from five to 15 years to reach the stage when the sufferer dies, usually because the body can no longer support itself and resist infections.

PAULA YOUENS

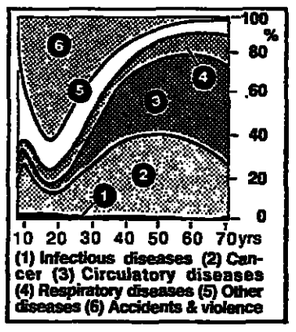


The condition is named after Alois Alzheimer, a German neurologist, who identified it at the beginning of this century. Since then, doctors and scientists have made comparatively little progress in understanding its causes, or producing treatments for it.

It affects women more than men, and usually begins to appear around the age of 60, although it can strike much earlier, and involves the progressive loss of brain cells. The chances of developing it increase with age. At least 20 per cent of the over-75s may be vulnerable.

Recently, researchers have identified a genetic, inheritable factor that appears to be linked with some cases. The gene itself has not been located, but the search for it has intensified and is beginning to show results. Scientists from Britain and five other countries have joined forces to speed the work, as part of an ambitious European collaborative programme.

THE BIG KILLERS



(1) Infectious diseases (2) Cancer (3) Circulatory diseases (4) Respiratory diseases (5) Other diseases (6) Accidents & violence

Blood samples from families in which two or more members are known to have developed the illness are to be studied in Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom, to provide an accurate picture of its path.

The British contribution is being led by Dr John Hardy and Dr Alison Goate, of St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington, London. "It's a very exciting project," Hardy says. "We already know on which human chromosome the gene is located, which means that instead of looking for a needle in a haystack, we are concentrating on just one bale of hay."

The size of the task, however, remains colossal. The "haystack" contains three billion components of genetic code. The elimination process has produced a "bale" of 20 million such components. It may take five, and perhaps 10 more years, before the Alzheimer "needle" is eventually found. It is possible that a drug could be developed to block the progress of the condition, and that through improved diagnosis, those individuals most at risk could be given, early in life, valuable advice on how to reduce risk factors. Changes in diet, for instance, might have an important effect.

Meanwhile, there are important other advances which will counter the diseases of old age. An international team of researchers recently announced what was described as the biggest advance in 25 years in the treatment and prevention of heart attacks. The results of the four-year study show that the combined use of aspirin and a clot-dissolving drug, streptokinase, could save 5,000 lives a year in Britain alone, at low cost and with few side effects.

The introduction of a national breast cancer screening programme in the UK next year can be expected gradually to whittle down the annual toll of about 15,000 deaths, predominantly among elderly women, from the disease.

Scientists are also optimistic about combating osteoporosis, the bone disorder which is most common in post-menopausal women. It causes brittle bones, spinal curvature and other painful effects which result in the "little old lady" syndrome, or what is sometimes called "dowager's hump".

The condition costs the National Health Service an estimated annual £500 million in treatment, and is responsible for the premature death of more than 5,000 women a year, according to the charity Research Into Ageing. The charity is funding investigations into the hormonal changes which may trigger the condition, and into the benefits of hormone replacement therapy, which helps keep the illness at bay.

Dr Timothy Arnett, of University College, London, says: "It has been difficult to decide which women are most suited for this treatment, but we believe safe and easy forms of application of it will become widely used in the near future. But further efforts will be needed to understand and combat what remains one of the potentially more preventable diseases of ageing."

Hodkinson says: "Society is slowly coming round to realizing that the general increase in lifespan will bring huge problems as well as great benefits. The health of the elderly has been, for too long, a fourth-division field. It must now be elevated to the top of our priorities."

Already, more than 40 per cent of the NHS budget is spent on the over-65s, who occupy half of all hospital beds, and take up three quarters of all district nursing services. The care of the over-75s is currently put at £4 billion a year.

"There is generous spending on the elderly when they fall ill, but almost nothing is spent on keeping them well," says a spokesman for Senior Citizens Life Programme, a voluntary group. "We need a new approach to the fastest growing sector of the population."

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Never the Twain

Silence at the back there. The Prime Minister speaks: "Language, you know, matters very much . . . It's so much easier always to be speaking in your own language when you're negotiating. And we (Great Britain and the United States) have a similar inheritance, a similar democracy . . . It (our relationship) is very close and it *will* be, because of history, because of language."

Well, up to a point, Lady Iron. You could say, if Oscar Wilde had not said it first, that we have everything in common with America nowadays, except, of course, language. Mark Twain declared: "When I speak my native tongue in its utmost purity in England, an Englishman can't understand me at all."

At a superficial level, Americans and Britons speak the same language. But if you look closer, we speak separate families of the English language. Misunderstandings are inevitable. Let us take a little example of shifting grammar and idiom, too recent to have been recorded in the latest dictionaries. Have you taken on board yet, as they say, what is happening in our separate languages to what the grammarians will describe as the monotransitive prepositional verb "look to"? In British English it is starting to be used to mean something like to *expect* to, seek to, hope to.



As usual the trendy phrase spawns in the sports pages and sporting broadcasts. You will recognize the sort of thing: "The home team will be looking to get a result against the visitors next Saturday."

Here is an example from a piece called "Forever on the Move" by Pat McNeill in *New Statesman & Society* of October 8: "The reasons for migration are many and complex, but most people on the move are *looking to* improve their living standards or their safety." This idiom is new. But I have no difficulty in understanding what is meant by it.

Contrast with US usage, where "look to" seems to me to be developing different grammar and idiom. *The Owl Papers*, by Jonathan Evan Maslow (New York, 1983), pp 26-7 (An owl is being mobbed by crows): "The owl punched stolidly, the skulking crows surrounding it adding an ominous, professional mood to the proceedings. The owl *looked to be* encircled by six cloaked hitmen, already at work in the early dawn, still groggy and fulfilling a contract without enthusiasm." Fine imaginative writing, but pure American idiom, where "look to" means what the British would say by "look as if (or though)".

We do in a way speak the same languages, Ma Thatcher. But, by Twain and Wilde, they are different.

Philip Howard

Money is luring court clerks away from the system

Crisis in the court

Christopher Wix spent seven years training to be a solicitor. Aged 28, he earns about £14,000 a year in the demanding and highly skilled job of court clerk at Watford magistrate's court, Hertfordshire. Although he loves the work, he is considering moving elsewhere — purely for the money.

"I'm very tempted to join the Crown Prosecution Service, which pays between £3,000 and £6,000 a year more, or even go into private practice, where the sky's the limit," he says. Wix is lucky in that he does not have a family. "There's no way I could afford to get married unless my wife was working," he says. Yet, with a £350 a month mortgage on a one-bedroom house, he still finds it "a very great struggle" to make ends meet.

It is a sadly typical situation and one that is ravaging Britain's already overworked court system in which most of the highly qualified 1,200 court clerks (there are about 130 vacancies) earn between £13,000 and £15,000. A growing number of court hearings are being cancelled due to lack of staff and the administrative backlog mounts daily.

"We are talking about a crisis as regards court clerks," says Ian Fowler, principle chief clerk in Inner London. "It has become increasingly difficult to recruit barristers and solicitors because we are unable to compete with the higher salaries offered by the Crown Prosecution Service."

Court clerks are responsible for advising the lay magistrates on the law, overseeing court procedure and, in domestic proceedings, taking a verbatim note of the evidence. They have to be either qualified barristers or solicitors or, as law graduates, they can take an internal diploma in magisterial law.

But increasingly, once they have qualified, they leave for more remunerative work elsewhere which must affect the willingness of courts' committees to spend the necessary £3,000 or £4,000 on their initial training. And, unlike their counterparts in the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), who deal purely in criminal law, the extent of their legal knowledge must also include civil law.

With their current pay negotiations in arbitration and those of the justices' clerks — who run the magistrates' courts — being referred to arbitration, Tony Heath, the secretary of the Justices' Clerks' Society, believes that "realistically, court clerks have got to be paid comparable amounts to crown prosecutors simply because that is the most obvious avenue for people leaving the service".

He says: "It's no secret that the CPS regards the magistrates' courts as its primary recruitment source. But it really is pointless for the CPS and the courts to be in competition with one limb of the criminal justice system, strengthening itself at the expense of the other. That cannot be in the public interest."

'It is a difficult job. You have got to know the law inside out and have your wits about you'

Wix has already lost two of his court colleagues to the CPS and a third to private practice. He has been head-hunted but is waiting to see the result of the current pay negotiations. "It is a difficult job," he says of his work. "You've got to know the law inside out and you've got to have your wits about you."

Clare Fletcher, a senior court clerk at Manchester's main magistrates' court, is a qualified solicitor with a salary of about £12,500. Aged 30, she reckons she could earn £17,000 with the CPS and "nearer £20,000" in private practice. The cases on which she is expected to bring her legal knowledge to bear may include anything from murder committal proceedings to driving without due care and attention, and from child care disputes to licensing applications.

"Ultimately, the buck always stops with the clerk," she says. "Everyone always looks to the clerk for legal advice. If the defence lawyer says one thing and the prosecution counsel another, then the magistrates ask the court clerk for his or her opinion. And if anything goes wrong — and at its most extreme that could mean wrongful imprisonment — then the court clerk gets the blame."

Fletcher, who qualified five years ago, became a court clerk "because I wanted to do magisterial law. But the thought of going into private practice is becoming more and more attractive simply because it's better paid and I would have thought, given the right firm, the morale is better. I prefer working here because the work is challenging and varied but, for people to whom money is the prime objective, the CPS is appealing."

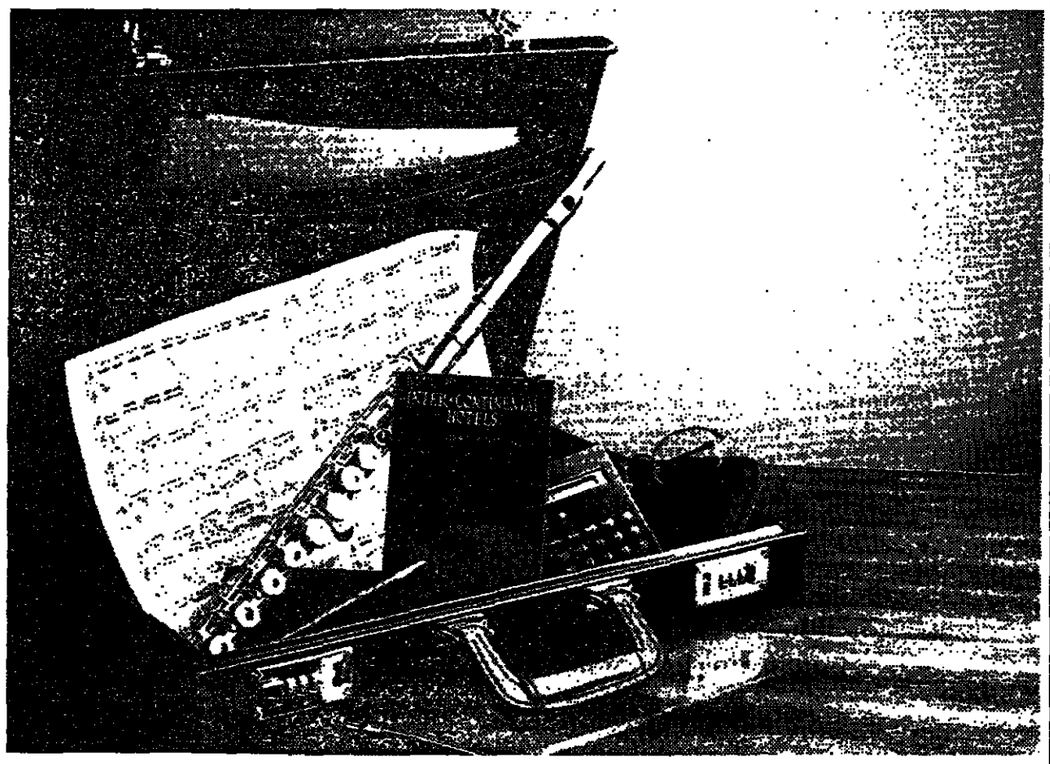
She has stayed in her job because she lives two minutes away from the court and, being married to a solicitor, is not entirely dependent on her salary. But she says: "I resent being paid so little compared to the rest of the legal profession. Now I'm looking around for something that's better paid and if I find it I will have to take it. And because morale is so low in the clerking service, it doesn't satisfy my practical ambitions. The CPS employees are just treated as more professional people."

But even if salaries are increased, Tony Heath does not think it will solve the problem "because magistrates' courts are competing with other people for a scarce commodity and nationally there is a shortage of lawyers".

He adds: "Morale in the courts is being seriously affected by court clerks leaving as soon as they are qualified so you get a constant throughflow of able people. The court service is not deriving the benefit from the investment it is making and that unsettles the staff who don't move."

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Go western, young girl

After a rough patch in the mid-Eighties, denim is enjoying a revival as people climb back into blue jeans, lumberjack shirts and cowboy boots



Any one of the masses who contribute to the haze of blue denim shimmering over the streets would vehemently deny it. But to pull on a pair of jeans is to make a significant statement.

Being buttoned into a pair of Levi 501s or muffled inside a bright, plaid ranger's jacket may feel like a rejection of everything to do with fashion, but it is a declaration of allegiance to a currently fashionable ethos. The honest values that denim stands for, the rugged styling of what started out in life as workers' overalls and lumberjacks' shirts, display an appreciation of basic good taste which, along with a nostalgia for traditional classics, is back in vogue.

The opening next week in London's Ganton Street, off Carnaby Street, of The Base — a shop dedicated to the jeans, chambray shirts, moccasins and thick wool "mackinaws" that are associated with western workwear but are today's casual classics — is proof that denim plays as vigorous a role as ever.

The retailer investing his money in this conviction is Stephen Marks. Head of French Connection, the £60 million manufacturing and retailing empire, he is a man who carefully calculates the odds.

His acquisition last year of Western Jeans, a chain of 18 shops spread from Leicester to the North, provided him with the means to test the market. Sales have been buoyant, and a recent report by the market research group Textile Market Studies confirms a denim revival: having slumped from £55 million in 1981 to £36 million in the mid-Eighties (when even 16-year-olds impersonated *femmes fatales* in exaggeratedly lady-like pencil skirts, and the right accessory was a Chanel bag and a pair of clean gloves), jeans sales last year were £43 million and rising.

Marks sees denim as the blank canvas on which to build a personal look — smothered in tribal emblems for a folksy style or sharply pressed and worn with crisp tailoring.

"Jeans look marvellous, whether worn with a Chanel tweed jacket, pearls and chain, or with a leather biker's blouson," he says.

While the key players in The Base remain blue jeans (Levis, Pepe, the French Et Vous line, as well as its own label, Sharp), a supporting wardrobe has been perfected by The Base's design director, Bob Swan.

From the basic white cotton, round-necked vest that is the essential first layer at £4.99, through all the thick blanket-wool jackets, or mackinaws at £39.99, cord hacking jackets at £49.99, right up to a leather flying blouson bristling with zips at £150, it is obvious that the price tag is as honest as the styling.

The going rate for a pair of jeans is about £24.99; Levis and other top labels change hands for around £40. At The Base, a simple chambray or dyed poplin shirt with horn buttons costs £19.99, and a denim shirt with leather collar is £26.99.

The cowboy boots, bandannas, suede waistcoats and cords, as well as the names of in-house labels (Rednecks, Sierra Madre), emphasize the unlimited horizons to which the western workwear dress code can be stretched. The same jackets, lumberjack shirts, sweatshirts and jeans are worn by both sexes. The Flores de Amazon label is stitched inside a range of women's clothes. Flowered ribbon detailing is added to certain denim jackets and "jeans" skirts.

Prairie circle skirts with weighted, printed hems are particularly pretty at £26.99. Ballerina wrap cotton jersey tops at £14.99, overprinted velvet minis and waistcoats, and tight jeans-detailed skirts in black embossed velvet mix well with the look. There is a tweed hacking jacket for women at £49.99.

Scarves, tooled leather belts, boxer shorts, bags and luggage allow the customer a wide range of self-expression.





Above: Her denim jacket with ribbon trimming, £34.99; paisley brushed cotton shirt, assorted colours, £17.99; wool scarf, £4.99; cotton T-shirt, £4.99; Sharp jeans, £24.99; all The Base. Brown felt hat,£16.99, *branches of Miss Selfridge nationwide.* Wool shawl, *from* selection at Liberty, W1. Bob Swan, design director at The Base, in black leather biker's jacket, £150; chambray shirt, £19.99; Sharp jeans, £24.99; all The Base. Grey ribbed lambswool scarf, £12.90, branches of Benetton

Left: Lumberjack jacket in brown/green check wool mix, £39.99; tapestry waistcoat. £22.99; gold cotton shirt, £24.99; jeans, £24.99; all The Base. Cowboy boots, £49.99, Ravel

Far left: Taupe suede waistcoat, £29.99, also in tobacco; pastel checked brushed cotton shirt, £17.99; denim shirt with frayed edges on collar and pockets. £22.99; cotton jersey sweat pants, £24.99, in navy, marine or black; all The Base. Timberland tan boots, £92.50, Pindisports 7/8 Conduit Street, W1; 14/18 Holborn EC1 The Base, 18-20 Ganton Street, W1, opens December 7



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'Jeans look marvellous, whether worn with a Chanel jacket or a biker's blouson'

Stephen Marks of French Connection

PEOPLE

Wearing the royal standard

The witty and ever-elegant **Hardy Amies** remains the biggest success story in British fashion. Now a vigorous 79-year-old, with his dignified *couture establishment* settled for 41 years in Savile Row and flourishing there still, his is the one British label powerful enough to support 40 lucrative licences around the world, selling anything from men's suits and ties, to bed linen, china and fragrances.

Tonight he addresses the Faculty of Royal Designers for Industry before this year's RDI appointments are announced and, as always, will *champion* the pleasure of "the feel of good clothes on the body".

Appointed an RDI himself in 1964, and made Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in Jubilee Year in 1977, Amies predicts that couture will still be appreciated in the next century. "The freedom of movement given by skilled cutting is a pleasure that comes naturally to the well-born," he says. "But *once it is acquired by the* socially ambitious it is not easily abandoned . . . thank goodness!"

Tight clothes and "vulgar" short skirts, are abhorrences to this distinguished arbiter of good taste, whose couture house makes a third of the Queen's wardrobe.

Eyes on the clock

A powerful posse from the Bulgari family of jewellers and watchmakers was in London last week for the opening of their first London shop in Bond Street, and an exhibition of *dazzling gems at Goldsmiths'* Hall.

***Nicola Bulgari*, vice president of the family company, took the opportunity to present to the Goldsmiths' *Company (of which he is a* foreign associate) a magnificent chased silver centrepiece. I could not help noticing that he sported a dashing mauve and pink striped watch. It turned out that this elegant accessory, far from being an exclusive new Bulgari creation, was a simple Swatch.**

Charity shopping

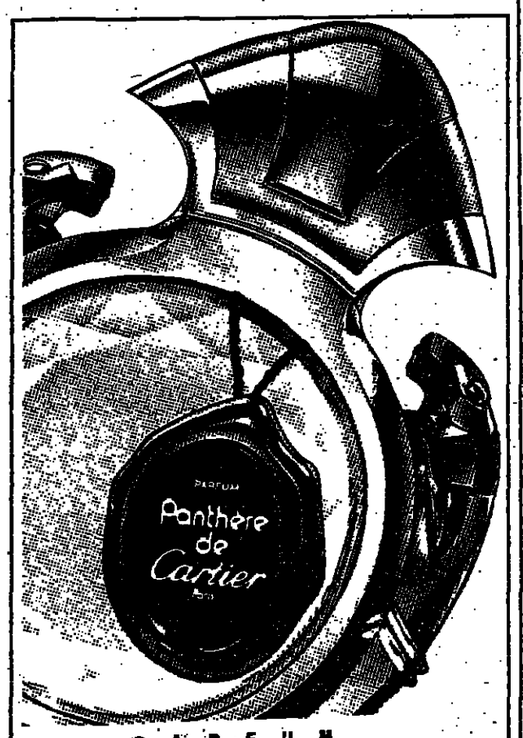
After your buying spree at *The Times*'s Christmas Shopping Evening at Liberty tonight, you can cross off the rest of the items on your list tomorrow when Simpson's of Piccadilly hosts a shopping day in aid of the NSPCC. Plied with mulled wine and mince pies, you could stock up with Daks silk cravats, cashmere socks or pretty lingerie, as well as find one-off items such as silver card holders or grape scissors at Simpson s successful antiques counter, Property of a Gentleman.

To achieve the target of £15,000 for the NSPCC, raffle prizes have been donated. They include an outfit from **Caroline Charles**, and a weekend for two at **Captain Mark Phillips's** Gleneagles Equestrian Centre. Work out the mileage from Heathrow to New York on Concorde, and back to Southampton on the QE2 and you could win a similar round trip for two.

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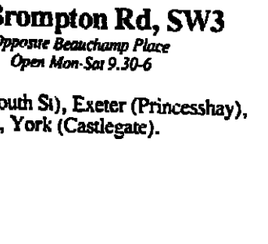
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TIMES DIARY

DAVID WALKER

Only months before his Whitehall-enforced purdah ends and he takes up one of the lucrative business directorships he has been offered, Lord Armstrong, the former Cabinet Secretary, has begun to move into the open. It looks, though, as if the man who was once economical with the truth will never be entirely free from controversy.

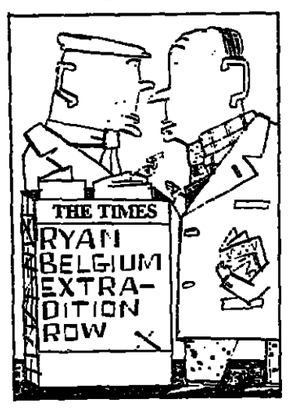
Armstrong recently succeeded Lord Carrington as a trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum. He now finds himself earnestly courted by two opposing camps in a V&A row involving artefacts, old buildings, financial corner-cutting, and race. The dispute is over the siting of the new museum of Indian art that has been pencilled in for Bradford, cultural mecca of northern England. The V&A is trying to clear out its capacious cellars of material that goes unviewed, a collection which includes the celebrated Gandhara sculptures. Loud voices are clamouring for the return of the treasures to the sub-continent. But they are being ignored in favour of linking up with Britain's own Indian community.

The issue is over where in Bradford the new museum should be sited. On one side is the chairman of the trustees, Sir Clifford Chetwood, the Wimpey magnate. His opinion on matters of property and construction is hard to contradict, and he wants the museum bang in the middle of Bradford's shopping centre. But Elisabeth Esteve-Coll, the V&A director, has been heavily lobbied to put the museum into a 19th century Grade II listed textile mill in the heart of Bradford's Asian quarter.

Further, the mill supporters want to tie it in with various initiatives including an Asian Studies Centre linked with the University of Bradford (strongly supported by the university's chancellor, Sir John Harvey-Jones). Adding spice to the curry is a Cabinet Office nominee on the V&A board, who might feel anxious about voting against Lord Armstrong, his former boss; the possible intervention of Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary; and Prince Charles (represented by his surrogate, Rod Hackney, who has been involved with an alternative Bradford scheme for the museum). That's a recipe for a fine old battle. Lord A will have to take sides in a fortnight.

Meanwhile, in a little-noticed lecture, Lord Armstrong has delivered himself of some thoughts which, in the hands of a careful decoder, could sound remarkably like criticism of the Thatcher style. He deplored, in a gentle way, the current lack of long-term thinking, and was even heard to utter a sigh of regret at the passing of the Central Policy Review Staff, the Think Tank, one of the Prime Minister's especial *bêtes noires*. The rest was deeply encrypted but there was no mistaking Armstrong's reiteration that civil servants are underpaid and under-appreciated, assertions with which not all the Prime Minister's friends would agree.

BARRY FANTONI



'The solution's obvious – change the charge to football hooliganism'

Back to British Asians again, but in a different part of the country. From last week, Tower Hamlets' large Bangladeshi community has found itself ruled over by a former Augustinian lay-brother. The new chief executive of the multiracial borough on the fringes of London's dockland prosperity is John McBride, a diminutive Derryman who retains the deep Catholic faith that once brought him close to becoming a monk.

McBride, 44 and formerly a junior civil servant in the Home Office, takes over at a trying time. Late last week Labour won a seat in Lansbury ward, which means the Social and Liberal Democrats retain power only through the casting vote of the mayor – shades of Bradford, and hardly a recipe for stability. His predecessor as chief executive, Charles Lea, left in the summer in unhappy circumstances, and, if nothing else, McBride will have to rebuild town hall confidence – town halls' confidence rather, since under Liberal impetus Tower Hamlets has decentralized to a series of neighbourhood bases.

Much will hinge on the relations McBride can establish with Michael Honey, chief executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation, which has the money and (since recently) a bad conscience over how little the regeneration of docklands has yet done for the pre-yuppy residents of Limehouse, Wapping and Bethnal Green. Honey used to work for Liberal-controlled Richmond council, so at least the two men have common experience of Democrat rule. Honey's money will be paid on condition Tower Hamlets shows the corporation a friendly face on planning and roads.

McBride has problems a-plenty. He has to organize the collection of poll tax when, as he says diplomatically, many of Tower Hamlets' Asians have good cause to fear an official knock on the door. Nicholas Ridley and his Housing Action Trusts are nibbling at his domain in one quarter, and the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority has presented him with the not altogether welcome task of organizing a schools service from scratch.

But at least he can try his hand at making money. One of his immediate bequests from his predecessor is a huge development along the banks of the River Lea in partnership with Rosehaugh, part of the borough's effort to get a bigger share of the East London boom for itself.

Nigel Lawson's House of Commons speech today will be a critical test. Can the Chancellor dig himself out of the economic quicksands? With steady nerves and some imagination, he could do so; and promote some longer term structural reforms of the economy at the same time.

The Chancellor cannot budge from the short-term need for high interest rates. They are the only demonstrably effective means, in today's deregulated financial markets, of squeezing monetary growth. They are also the premium which Britain has to pay to buy out foreign investors' nervousness about sterling and the state of the UK economy.

But Mr Lawson could turn the tables on his critics by looking at three strategies which would lessen his need to rely on interest rates alone, and reshape the longer-term debate towards reforms which could help the economy.

First he should look at tax incentives for personal savings, to reduce inflationary demand in the economy and at the same time encourage wider share ownership. Respected voices – among them Lord Vinson, David Howell and the Wider Share Ownership Council – are expressing concern that the drive to devolve economic power by strengthening the ownership and

Graham Mather proposes a solution to Britain's economic ills

Let's have a savings boom

savings base of individuals could soon run out of steam.

A tax-free boost to income from savings would shift attention to investment and away from expensive credit: encourage people to strengthen their capital assets, and so be able to rely less on fluctuating income from employment; and be compatible with wider individual ownership of shares.

Coupled with a *Loi Lawson*, to give direct tax relief for the purchase of equities, and with the Capital Bond (a high interest five-year bond paid gross of tax announced in the Autumn Statement), a focus on savings could give a powerful push to personal ownership.

If the Chancellor were really ingenious, he might also bundle in some tax incentives geared specifically to investment for retirement. Since the US government launched tax-effective individual retirement accounts (IRAs), workers have flooded into the schemes. Even though tax breaks have since been limited, 93 per cent of America's single wage earners are still eligible for a full IRA deduction, along with 94 per cent of one-earner couples and 77 per cent of two-earner couples.

The prospect of strengthening dedicated retirement savings, and therefore easing the burden on taxpayer-financed public social security systems, would have powerful attractions for the Chancellor – and be difficult for his opponents to attack if they genuinely wish to protect the elderly from political conflict over "pay as you go" state benefits.

Secondly, the Chancellor should turn to the long-running battle to individualize pay bargaining. Ministers worry about the macro-economic effect of pay inflation: but the only way to set pay effectively (and in a less inflationary way) is to decentralize or individualize pay agreements. Britain's large traditional employers preach decentralized, performance pay, but practise old-style collective bargaining with national rates of pay across the business.

The risk is that upward pressures on pay – skill shortages, profit growth and strong demand – together with an unreformed pay bargaining system will stultify the next wave of job creation, fuel inflation and weaken overseas investor confidence.

An imaginative incentive from the Chancellor here could increase the number of new workers outside the collective bargaining net. So far tax incentives which have applied to schemes like Profit Related Pay have been low – costing the Treasury less than £100 million.

Small companies have shamed the larger by dominating the schemes. This week Norman Fowler has heralded a further push against the residual closed shop. Academic research by Andrew Oswald and David Blanchflower has shown that heavily unionized companies tend to be less good at creating jobs thantheir non-collective bargaining counterparts.

The existing modest tax relief for profit-related pay is given to workers. The Chancellor could make it more generous and extend the scheme to include self-employed workers working on contract. He could also give a measure of tax relief to employers themselves. This way it could give large companies with healthy profits an incentive to take the time-consuming and expensive steps necessary to break down pay bargaining – which has knock-on inflationary risks – to an individual-by-individual system compatible with individual labour contracts.

The Chancellor's third weapon is to open up a more serious debate on the techniques of monetary control. It is monetary growth, not tax cuts, which lies behind inflationary pressures. Today's financial service markets make traditional techniques, like statutory credit controls, ineffective and easily bypassed. To require clearing banks to place large deposits with the Bank of England would also be unnecessarily interventionist.

Recent events show that the monetarists were right: the rapid growth of money supply over the last three years has now fed through to inflation.

Eventually, ministers will have to tackle its ultimate causes: the way, for example, in which planning controls force up the price of land, distort economic signals and give a powerful credit-based start to the inflationary push. But there are more immediate and tractable issues. The Chancellor should show that he means to target MO more closely – an intention which he heralded recently in a little-noticed speech – and to narrow its range.

He can emphasize that monetary aggregates matter: and he can begin to strengthen the perceived authority and institutional independence of the Bank of England, gradually moving it away from day-by-day Treasury intervention on a path which might ultimately lead to competition in the issuing of currency.

Above all, he can open these debates powerfully and early. On savings, pay and monetary control strong arguments are on his side. He should not wait until the Budget to deploy them.

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John Biffen

A firmer hand on Europe



When politicians turn their minds to the challenges of 1992 and the single European market, they tend to focus on the economic prospects facing Britain. The government exhorts British companies to prepare to compete on equal terms with their European counterparts. There is, however, a challenge to our national parliament too: how it can hold ministers accountable for the decisions the Community takes.

Westminster's reaction is complicated by the diversity of views held by MPs about the EEC. They cut across party lines. The full-hearted Europeans in the Conservative Party, heirs of the Heath tradition, are now led by Michael Heseltine. They are committed to a Community with a common currency, a European central bank and broadly similar indirect taxes. They are more than matched by Conservatives attracted by the free trading and deregulating philosophy of the Treaty of Rome but who distrust creating a European centre of government.

The Labour Party has generally moved towards acceptance of the EEC and is now showing some enthusiasm for the creation of Brussels government based upon the social philosophy of Jacques Delors, current president of the European Commission. Yet Tony Benn and his supporters, matching Heseltine's enthusiasm, remain committed to the means of national government to secure socialist ends.

It is hardly a political mixture that can easily be adapted to Commons decision-taking where there are only two voting lobbies. That is the current political challenge to which the executive and Parliament must respond.

To that prospective debate the Prime Minister has made a substantial contribution with recent speeches at Bruges and Luxembourg. She affirmed her faith in the economic liberalism of the Treaty of Rome and warned that "a centralized European government would be a nightmare". She also asserted that "our future must lie in willing and active co-operation between independent sovereign governments, each answerable to their national parliaments". The sentiments are striking, but the British practice is unimpressive.

In Community affairs, the House of Commons has only modest influence over the executive. Before British ministers vote upon documents in the European Council, they can be debated in the House. To this end the House is assisted by the Select Committee on European Legislation which has the important but limited task of evaluating the mass of documents and deciding whether their importance requires that they should be debated on the floor of the House or in a modest sized committee.

This procedure doubtless does give the Commons some influence. Yet it has major handicaps too. There is the difficulty of providing adequate time for debate. When time is found, much of the discussion takes place after the day's main business. Moreover, Parliament cannot effectively mandate a minister in what is often a complex bargaining process.

In addition, the volume of documents has grown with the enlargement of the EEC and will expand further with the single European market. The workload is now at breaking point, a danger recently underlined in a Commons debate by Terence Higgins, the senior select committee chairman. Ministerial responsibility to Parliament for EEC matters, while not a sham, is certainly a shadow. It does not fit the Prime Minister's concern that sovereign governments should be "answerable to their national parliaments".

There is one immediate step the Commons could take to improve its relations with the executive on the EEC: the establishment of a select committee on European Community affairs. The standing order establishing the EEC select committee would provide the traditional wide-ranging powers of select committees and would allow for enough members to fill sub-committees, including one for the work now undertaken by the committee on European legislation.

It would become a powerful microcosm of the Chamber able to comment both upon the merits of Commission proposals and more general topics such as the European Monetary System. It would be able to judge the consequences of political rulings of the European Court, such as the one which now requires the Government to extend the scope of value added tax.

It is important that Parliament, no less than the executive, should judge what changes in national law are required to fulfil judgments by the European Court. Such a committee could join forces with the existing House of Lords EEC committee, which already has wider powers than its Commons counterpart. There are plenty of precedents for such joint action.

The proposal for a major Commons European select committee is clearly a limited one. It has, however, three merits. First, it does not commit the Commons or the Government to an inflexible structure. There are no mandatory provisions as exist, for instance, in the Danish parliament, which bind the government to its EEC committee.

On the other hand the views of a select committee can assist a British minister when arguing his difficulties within the European Council. It is not possible to predict how relations would evolve between the select committee and the Government. Much would turn upon the personalities involved and the attitude of the Foreign Office. Meanwhile I travel hopefully.

Secondly, the proposal concentrates upon an area of Community policy where there is a clear link between the Government and Westminster. In Mrs Thatcher's words it touches upon "sovereign governments, each answerable to their national parliaments". It does not raise the issue of relations with British members of the European Parliament at Strasbourg and the multi-national groupings to which they belong.

Thirdly, it offers Westminster the chance to have a more measured approach to Community affairs. Divisions within the parties over EEC issues should not spike debate and decision. Select committee procedure is well able to adapt to such divisions. The consensual approach, characteristic of select committees, would assist the House and the executive in judging where the balance of national interest lay in any EEC issue.

Ultimately, however, the influence of the committee would be related to the reputation it secured in the House and the preparedness of the executive to regard its cooperation and approval as an integral part of a "sovereign government responding to a national parliament".

There is no prospect of a standing order giving the select committee authority over the executive. It would acquire influence proportional to the quality of its advocacy. It would be in a natural parliamentary tradition that such a committee should evolve from the work of the existing European legislation committee.

A fully developed European select committee with broad powers and a powerful membership could become highly important in Westminster's judgement of Community affairs. It would indicate that Parliament was prepared to reform its procedures in order to fulfil its traditional role of being an arbiter of government.

With 1992 in prospect, politicians are exhorting industry and commerce to mend their ways. It would be gratifying if Westminster could be persuaded to practise just a fraction of that institutional reform it so generously preaches to others.

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Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

Balking over the Balts

Mr Gorbachov has shed some light on the dark Stalin years. Soviet citizens are now partly aware of the horrors of mass deportations, imprisonment, judicial murders and deaths in custody. The most suspicious of the Tsars never slaughtered and imprisoned on the scale of Stalin, who may have eliminated as many as 50 million of his subjects. Stalin's successors continued to be inordinately repressive. It was not until Gorbachov's arrival that there was hope of Russia moving towards something akin to a civilized society.

But Gorbachov has not repudiated one of Stalin's blackest crimes: nor does he acknowledge that it was a crime. On August 23, 1939, the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact was signed. Among other provisions, Hitler gave Stalin the go-ahead to annex the Baltic states. Soviet troops seized them in June 1940 and began a process of mass murder, imprisonment and deportation to Siberia to stifle national resistance. During the interregnum when Hitler occupied the Baltic states the inhabitants suffered again, and when Stalin came back their sufferings were redoubled.

Hundreds of thousands from these tiny countries have been murdered or died after being deported. Since the war their native languages have been given second place to Russian. Unrelenting attacks have been made to wipe out the national cultures. Hundreds of thousands of Russian workers have been imported to "Russify" the Baltic states and shift the balance of population. In Estonia nearly 40 per cent of the inhabitants are now Russian; in Latvia almost half, and in Lithuania more than 20 per cent are Russian newcomers. Still these brave peoples, very much part of Western European culture, fight to resist assimilation.

Though until 1910 they had been occupied by Russia from the 18th century they had kept more or less distinct their languages, schools, legal systems and religions (Latvia and Estonia, Protestant Lutheran; Lithuania, Roman Catholic). Between the wars the three once again independent states were highly prosperous.

Despite the terrible things done to them, the standard of living remains higher than in the Soviet Union, which is one reason why Russians, given preference in housing and everything else, like to move in. Their peoples have retained the North-west European work ethic and entrepreneurial gifts, despite the blight of communist bureaucracy. But that does not compensate for the longing to be free, which even in Gorbachov's time has been mercilessly repressed.

A fortnight ago I went to a gathering of exiled Latvians and met a tall 28-year-old, Janis Barkans. He was deported to Sweden from Latvia last year after completing seven years of brutal treatment as a political prisoner ("We'll show you what Soviet power is," the guards leered). His weight fell to just over six stone. Once, after many days and nights of beatings, he was left for dead in a store room, awaiting disposal to the mortuary next morning. When the officials came to collect the expected body it twitched and they let him live on, tormented. Others died of maltreatment.

Mr Barkans estimates that today there are some two hundred political prisoners in the Baltic states and throughout Russia five to six thousand. Perhaps it was the touch of *glasnost* which finally prompted the Soviet officials to deport, instead of extinguish him.

Britain, though Eden was urged to by Stalin when Russia involuntarily became our ally, has never recognized the Soviet occupation of the Baltic states; nor have most Western democracies. In our official view, the Soviet Union is there against international law as it was in Afghanistan. Mr Gorbachov blandly brushes this aside, continuing the Stalin pretence that the bogus 1940 referendums recording the normal Soviet near 100 per cent votes in favour of Soviet rule justifies the Russian occupation. Yet the results were inadvertently announced by the Tass London representative before the alleged voting was over. Now Mr Gorbachov says that the article in the Soviet constitution which allows any Soviet republic to secede is inoperative.

Some of the present uproar is due to Mr Gorbachov actually trying to strengthen central control by Moscow. Today the Supreme Soviet in Moscow may announce some relaxation of this but the Soviet occupation will still be illegal both internationally and in the terms of the Soviet constitution.

It is remarkable that the local puppet communist leaders share the nationalist feelings of their countrymen. It was astonishing that even the Russian communist deputies in the Estonian parliament supported the Estonian nationalists in their demand to Moscow for much greater autonomy and in emphasizing the constitutional right to secede. The combined indigenous population of the Baltic states would now be approaching nine million if it had kept pace with Western European population trends since 1939. The Soviet slaughters and deportations have held it to less than six million. If there were genuine free referendums the vote for independence among the indigenous inhabitants would be almost 100 per cent and it seems that a majority of permanently resident immigrant Russians, having seen the attraction of a slightly freer economy, would vote the same way.

Mr Gorbachov must be fully aware of this. He is also aware that if, like the Pharoahs, he let the Israelite slaves go, other and bigger parts of the Soviet Union which have been much longer controlled by Moscow, on a more convincing legal basis, would want to set up shop for themselves, too. Practically, for some years to come, the Baltic states cannot expect much more than increasing economic autonomy under the suzerainty of Moscow and they will be lucky if they get that.

Mr Gorbachov wants to be known as just and democratic. When he is in London next month he should be asked why he still bases the legality of the Soviet occupation of the Baltic states on the cynical Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1939 which all the Baltic states long to be annulled?

NOV 29 ON THIS DAY 1894

Korea, a country with its own culture and customs, has often been torn between the rival claims of Japan and China. After the war of 1894-95 it came under the control of Japan, which formally annexed it in 1910.

The War in Korea

(From Our Correspondent)

TOKIO, OCT. 24

Nothing has surprised foreign observers more than the extraordinary secrecy in which the operations of this war have been successfully wrapped by the Japanese authorities. The movements of great masses of troops, the accumulation and transport of vast quantities of material, and all the other business incidental to the conduct of a campaign abroad have been kept entirely beyond the range of popular observation. At no time since the Korean imbroglio first assumed serious dimensions have the citizens of Tokio been cognizant that anything unusual was happening. On one occasion 10,000 soldiers, with all their equipment, their artillery, their horses, their tents, their winter clothing, were carried by rail from the capital between dusk and dawn on three consecutive days without producing so much as a ripple of excitement on the tide of everyday life.

Chinese prisoners numbering about 700 have arrived in Japan, where the wounded are distributed among the principal cities so as to have access to the best hospital accommodation. It would be difficult to conceive a dirtier, less formidable-looking lot of men. They appear to have been collected from the highways and byways without any regard to age – some are in their teens, others in their fifties – or any thought of physical capacity. In Japan they will have to divest themselves of the coat of grime that all the lower orders of the Middle Kingdom carry about with them, and their lives will doubtless undergo many changes for the better. In truth, nothing could exceed the humane and considerate treatment extended by the Japanese to their prisoners of war. The wounded are handled with the utmost tenderness, and cared for as zealously as though they were compatriots. This fact redounds to the credit of the Japanese, for they have had to witness shocking cruelties perpetrated by the Chinese on the battlefield. The Chinese take no prisoners. From dead, wounded, and vanquished alike they shear off the heads, mutilate them in various ways, and string them together by a rope passed through the mouth and gullet. The Japanese troops have seen these ghastly remnants of their comrades. A barrel full of them was found after the fight at Ping-Yang, and among the horrible trophies was the head of a young officer who had fallen wounded in a fort evacuated by General Oshima's men. The lad's father commanded the Akagi Kan, and was killed in the naval fight of September 17. News of the naval officer's death necessarily came to his widow's ears, but they have not yet told her of her son's fate, and every day she goes to the temple to pray for the recovery of her boy, whom she believes to be lying wounded in hospital. Field-Marshal Yamagata, Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Korea, has warned his men that they had better not be taken alive by the Chinese, but the warning is accompanied by an exhortation to behave towards captives and wounded with the utmost humanity, and to the honour of the troops they appear to observe the exhortation implicity . . .

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EXCLUDING ARAFAT

Last March Al Fatah, the "moderate" wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization which owes allegiance to Mr Yassir Arafat, acknowledged placing a car-bomb near a hotel in Jerusalem with intent to kill the visiting US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz. This week Mr Shultz has been prepared to face almost universal criticism for refusing the PLO leader the US visa he needed in order to address the United Nations in New York.

The ground for the decision is that Mr Arafat personally "knows of, condones and lends support to" acts of terrorism. No known Arab proverb points out the unwisdom of assassination attempts on those with whom you must ultimately deal should they survive. The PLO might consider adding one to the canon.

The US has, formally, a legal case. It has always reserved, and exerted, the right to make exceptions on the ground of national security to the 1947 Headquarters Agreement between the US and the UN, under which the US is committed to place no "impediment to transit" to people involved in UN official business.

The UN has acquiesced, this decade, in visa denials to Iranians alleged by the US to have been involved in the siege of the US embassy in Tehran. In this instance, however, the US has to contend with the fact that Mr Arafat was granted a visa in 1974 — only two years after the PLO bomb attack on Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics.

Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister", was granted a visa last week. The US case rests on arguing either that Mr Arafat has *become* a terrorist since 1974; or, as US officials contend, that the US takes terrorism more seriously now than it did then.

The legal arguments will now be rehearsed in the UN's committee on relations with the host country. If the PLO and its supporters follow the precedent set by their successful recent action to prevent the closure by the US of the PLO mission to the UN, they may also bring suit in a New York federal court. The more abiding issue is that Mr Shultz's decision, to cite that French nineteenth-century arch-tactician M Talleyrand, "was worse than a crime; it was a mistake".

It is a mistake both on the high ground and the low ground of US diplomacy. On the high ground, it breaches the spirit, if not the letter, of the commitments given by the United States to the United Nations when it was invited to make New York its home. It has irritated US friends and allies, in Europe as well as the Middle East. It will weaken US prestige and authority as arbitrator in future attempts to bring peace to the region, just as the margin for manoeuvre seemed fractionally to have widened in the wake of the PLO's Algiers declaration.

Unless the UN General Assembly finds the votes (and the money) to transfer the Palestine debate to Geneva, it will deprive the world of an opportunity to judge, from Mr Arafat's own words, the sincerity of his commitment to a peaceful solution which renounces terrorism. This month's Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers declared a Palestinian state and obliquely acknowledged Israel's right to exist by accepting UN Resolution 242 as the basis for a peace conference. Precisely because of the ambiguities in the PNC statements, it would have been useful to hear Mr Arafat further.

On a less elevated level, it was also a miscalculation. Mr Arafat would doubtless have used the occasion to increase the tally of states which recognize the disembodied entity which is "Palestine". But the US has augmented, rather than denied, Mr Arafat's access to the "oxygen of publicity".

He might have asked the General Assembly to grant Palestine UN membership. But the General Assembly has no such authority. Under article 4 of the UN Charter the Security Council, in which the US exercises veto power, must recommend admission to the UN to the General Assembly before it can vote on the application.

Appearance at the UN General Assembly does, of course, convey a degree of legitimacy on the speaker. Mr Shultz was under heavy domestic pressure, by no means all of it from the Jewish lobby, to deny this to Mr Arafat. Americans do not forget that Mr Arafat's last appearance was followed by the General Assembly resolution of 1975 equating Zionism with racism.

A triumph for Mr Arafat at the UN would almost certainly have hardened opinion in the US Congress against resuming US funding for the UN: more than 50 US senators of both parties, including Mr Bush's deputy, Mr Dan Quayle, petitioned Mr Shultz to refuse the visa.

Mr Arafat may well be to the US Administration what Mr Gerry Adams is to the British Government: a man of violence for whom the presumptions in favour of freedom of speech may be suspended. These are not, in the final analysis, arguments which should have weighed most heavily with Mr Shultz. The decision harms both the image and the strategic interests of the United States.

A BLOW FROM BELGIUM

The Belgian Cabinet's decision to consider and refuse Britain's request for the extradition of Mr Patrick Ryan falls well below the level of co-operation expected from a Nato ally and EEC partner. It is pusillanimous, self-interested and a setback to a united European front against terrorism.

Mr Ryan, a former priest, was arrested by the Belgian police last June after a raid on a house which was found to contain explosives and false documents. While he was held in Brussels on forged passport charges, the British police began extradition proceedings, specifying four alleged offences, including conspiracy to commit murder and the illegal possession of explosives.

The Belgians have tried to rationalize their decision. Earlier this month, they turned down his appeal for political asylum. After that, they say, there were only two courses open to them. One was to comply with the British request for extradition; the other was to expel him.

Extradition was ruled out by the Cabinet after it heard judicial opinion that the case against Mr Ryan was not strong enough. Differences between the laws of the two countries were to blame.

Both are party to the 1977 European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism which seeks to remove all political defence from terrorist crimes. But neither has so far ratified the extradition agreement which was reached by the Council of Europe 31 years ago, and which removes the need for a *prima facie* case to be proved against the person concerned. It is only since the Criminal Justice Act 1988 that Britain has been in a position to do so.

What all this adds up to, according to Belgium, is that the extradition of Mr Ryan depended finally on a 1901 bilateral treaty between London and Brussels. Though updated twice since then, this makes no mention of terrorist offences. The charges brought by the British police against Mr Ryan were not precise enough to satisfy Belgian requirements.

Why then did the decision need to go to the Belgian Cabinet? When decisions are reached in political forums the reasoning is likely to be political. There was at least sufficient flexibility for the Government to have decided either way. The assumption must be that, faced by the prospect of IRA reprisals after Mr Ryan's death on hunger-strike, the Belgians chose the apparently softer path. They lamentably failed to abide by the spirit of the anti-terrorist agreements they have signed.

British intelligence has shown an interest in Mr Ryan since the early 1970s. He was then suspected of being a leading figure in the IRA's contacts with Colonel Gadaffi of Libya. More recently he is believed to have acted as the organization's "paymaster" on the Continent.

Mr Ryan is innocent until proved guilty. If the reverse were held to be true, Belgium's legal hesitancy would be easier to understand. But the Brussels government was being asked to return him to a code of justice which is at least equal to its own.

The British police and courts, with the support of the British media, laboured hard to locate those accused after the Heysel Stadium riots in Brussels three years ago — and to ensure that they returned to face their trial. They can now feel badly let down.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wardship issue in Children Bill

From Mr Jeremy Posnansky

Sir, In June, 1987, arising from the events then current in Cleveland, the Secretary of State for Social Services ordered a statutory inquiry, which he invited Lord Justice Butler-Sloss to chair. Now, less than six months after receiving the report of that inquiry, the Government is proposing in the Children Bill (details, November 25) that Parliament should ignore one of the report's key recommendations.

The report drew attention to the many advantages of wardship proceedings in matters relating to the care of children. In the context of the cases which arose in Cleveland, wardship had been "an invaluable procedure to enable extremely difficult, complex, and emotive issues to be fully considered and adjudicated upon."

More generally, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss said in the report:

Wardship has an ethos which is recognised by those who use and are engaged in the jurisdiction. We see wardship having a role to play in care proceedings in the future.

The Bill contains provisions which, if enacted, would very largely prevent local authorities from instituting wardship proceedings in respect of children for whom they have statutory responsibility. This is a retrograde step.

It is very much to be hoped that this part of the Bill will not survive its passage through Parliament. If, however, it does survive, it is essential that the rules of court which will be drawn up by the Lord Chancellor in relation to the distribution of cases between the different courts (magistrates' court, county court, and High Court) will recognise and provide for the Family Division of the High Court to continue to exercise its jurisdiction in relation to the care of children on a sufficient scale.

Yours faithfully,
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NHS research

From Mr J. N. Wilden

Sir, Dr Gerald Bulger's letter (November 17) is an interesting and useful comment. The problem with initiating a committee on the safety of medical procedures is that patient-management strategies require consensus agreement within a specialty. The management of illnesses within a particular specialty may be imprecise and therefore consensus may not exist.

This is certainly true with regard to certain conditions within my own specialty. One of the methods of rectifying this situation is to adopt specific management strategies and measure their effect. This approach requires both agreement of practising clinicians within a specialty as well as a collective determination to carry projects through to a successful conclusion. It is a different approach from simply comparing the merits of several different drug regimes, which is the cornerstone of so many clinical trials.

Until recently, the DHSS and the Government have not shown a particular interest in funding research in the NHS. The recent recommendation of the House of Lords select committee on priorities in medical research suggested a National Health Research Authority should be established. Such an authority would be in a position to commission research into management strategies upon which consensus may be forthcoming and would be a prerequisite for establishing a committee on the safety of medical procedures.

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Bargain bidding

From the Rev Jonathan S. Carey

Sir, Your newspaper related (November 17) how the London art world was amused when a British dealer bought an unidentified Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington at a New York auction in June for $2,600, selling it last week in London for £275,000.

Lest the world wonder at Christie's error, it must be said that Stuart (1755-1828) painted a number of copies of the portrait, as did his daughter Jane, who lived until 1888. Indeed, the copies provided a substantial part of his and her income for years. Other artists have also copied his famous 1796 portrait for years.

Certainly the fortunate dealer deserves congratulations. But how many of us, if truth be told, have bid at auctions where angels' fingers feared to rise, convinced that we, and we alone, were on to an unrecognized treasure, only to learn later we wasted money?

Not that many people ever really learn the lesson. But that is what makes auctions exciting business — on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,
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November 19.

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Concern at care for schizophrenics

From the Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Board

Sir, Your leading article, "The savage sickness" (November 25), highlights the plight of the mentally ill and does a great service for this group of people whose needs are too often ignored or simply go unanswered. The fact that the Prince of Wales has become patron of Sane (the new charity established to help sufferers from schizophrenia) is a major step forward since he has conferred a measure of respectability on a section of society which has always been stigmatized.

Nevertheless, the rapid decantation of patients over the last few years from the large mental hospitals back into communities who have demonstrably displayed either a lack of community care and/or resources, has actually helped revive age-old prejudices specially reserved for the mentally ill.

My own agency, the Jewish Welfare Board, is trying to develop adequate community-based services for members of the Jewish faith being discharged back to the outside world. Too often these have occurred with little advance notice and inadequate time to prepare the patients for the rigours of living in a very competitive environment.

It would be comforting for organizations such as ours to know that the psychiatric hospital was still able to assist should its expertise and, dare I say, one of its beds be required. The reality for too many individuals is that, with the closing down of many of the catchment-area psychiatric hospitals, the alternative is frequently the cardboard box "shanty town" which nightly appears under the arches at Charing Cross and similar places up and down the country.

Yours sincerely,
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November 28.

From Mr Alan B. Lazarus

Sir, As a father of a schizophrenia sufferer, I was deeply moved to see the leading article, "The savage sickness".

You are quite right to demand provision of satisfactory alternatives to long-stay mental hospitals. It is important not to forget that for many chronic sufferers no alternative is possible.

Although it is estimated that about a third of sufferers recover, it is misleading to say that any of those afflicted are truly cured. Until a cure is found, which may not be for many years, the campaign by Sane and Marjorie Wallace must be supported and hospital care provided for the new long-term sufferer.

Yours sincerely,
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Poor folk

From the Director of the North West London Housing Association

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt ("Poverty: a growth industry", November 15) is informative. I found it instructive that

the unemployed of this country have far better clothing and housing, more colour television sets . . . than the average employed person in Russia or the Saxon king who thrived in conditions which today would be described as abject poverty.

I may be tempted in future to ignore the "apparent" poverty of people living in cardboard under the Queen Elizabeth Hall on London's South Bank. Nor will I take much notice when an unemployed 20-year-old ex-offender in one of our hostels is left with £2.67 per day to feed, otherwise maintain, and clothe himself after the proposed DSS changes in hostel charges are introduced, probably some time next year.

Yours faithfully,
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Tank challenge

From Colonel Michael Rose

Sir, From 1974 to 1976 I was very fully occupied at the Ministry of Defence with the operational requirement for the successor to the Chieftain tank — the future main battle tank (FMBT) referred to in your leading article (November 19). The tank was to be a collaborative project with the Germans, although how they could justify a further new tank in the British time frame, being only then about to introduce Leopard 2, was not entirely clear. Immense effort went into the project which, to my personal disappointment, ended in October, 1976.

During the same period, trilateral tank-gun trials took place with German, US, and UK participation. The German 120mm smooth bore gun, with its fin-stabilised round, won the day against British reliance on the "traditional" technology of the 110mm rifled gun. Both the Americans and the Germans demonstrated great strides in target-hitting techniques.

Since then, the British Army, despite its small number of tanks, has persuaded itself that it could accept a half fleet replacement and alongside Chieftain, has Challenger, with its Chobham armour and improved mobility. Such, however, was the ineffectiveness of its fire power that ignominous withdrawal in 1987 from the Nato tank gunnery competition was chosen when the Royal Hussar crews were seen off by North American regulars and European conscripts alike.

In 1976, Chieftain had been in service for only 10 years and we still had our noses just in front, by comparison to the US M60 and Leopard 1. Since the FMBT project, however, it has been a continuing story of failure to produce the goods. There was even some self-congratulation in the Army at the introduction in 1983 of the Shah's cancelled order, the Challenger, which merely increased the obscuration and delayed the replacement really needed. The Government is now faced with a difficult decision.

Written with a certain sadness on the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Cambrai.

Yours faithfully,
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English in schools

From Professor Emeritus T. F. Daveney

Sir, In 1981, as then Director of Extra-Mural Studies at Exeter University, I launched an evening class, entitled "The use of English". We offered, among other things, English grammar, spelling, sentence construction, vocabulary formation (including word roots) and essay writing.

Seventy people enrolled at the first meeting, as opposed to the customary 15 or so. Most of the students had been educated after the war, and there was a fair social mix. *The Times Educational Supplement* carried a report (March 5, 1982) which attracted both abuse and encouragement from the profession. I ventured to suggest at the time that there could be a consumer demand among parents for instruction of this kind to be included in the school curriculum.

And it is this demand, I think, which contributes greatly to the strength of Kenneth Baker's position. With English (that is, Standard English) now the world language, what advantage can accrue from being trapped in a dialect of limited application, no matter how expressive and colourful?

Standard English is the route to self-advancement, and ordinary people see this as a matter of plain common sense. If this is so, then at the very least, natural dialect speakers will require to learn a certain amount of grammar, as they will be approaching SE as a different language. And what is offered to dialect speakers can be offered with profit to the others.

Yours faithfully,
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Equality in divorce

From Ms Sarah Wadham

Sir, Britain's most senior woman judge has said that she finds it depressing, "in these days of so-called equality", that it is not fully understood that equality works both ways in divorce (report, November 24). She also said:

It is a sad reflection if, in these times of much-vaunted equality of the sexes, a husband should be seen in some way to be acting improperly if he exercises his right in the matrimonial jurisdiction to claim a share in a wealthy wife's money.

Surely the thinking behind a woman being able to claim against her husband's assets is that she has usually given up her child-bearing years (which coincide with the make-or-break years in terms of career development) in order to have, and enable her husband to have, children. A husband very seldom takes a dimunution in career prospects through having children.

Most wives in their late forties are very much less equal than their husbands in terms of income-earning potential. Sacrifice on their part, and the difficulties which they will face in the years ahead, have entitled them to a share of their husbands' assets of both a capital and income nature.

Furthermore, a lot of people consider that there are many circumstances in which a person is indeed acting improperly in pursuing his strict legal rights. Some are covered by the time-honoured phrase, "binding in honour only", well known to lawyers to cover moral obligations which are not enforceable in the courts.

Yours faithfully,
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Public works

From Councillor John Blackman

Sir, Virginia Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, states she comes from a family of public-spirited women (Monday Page, November 21), which I do not doubt. However, there are many who wince at the use of the expression "public-spirited" when the person claiming to be so is in receipt of a considerable salary for doing their public-spirited work.

A vast army of dedicated individuals in this country offer their services *gratis* to deserving causes. They are the real public-spirited people.

Yours truly,
JOHN BLACKMAN,
Town Hall,
Brighton, Sussex.
November 22.

Marches that go a step too far

From Mr Michael Stephen

Sir, The fact that central London was brought to a standstill for more than eight hours on Thursday (report and photographs, November 25) must lead us to question whether mass demonstrations in city centres can any longer be justified. Of course, it is a question of the liberty of the citizen, but there are two groups of citizens whose liberty has to be considered — those who wish to demonstrate and those who do not.

If the object of the demonstrators is to inform others of the cause which they wish to advance, a very effective method is available to them in this modern age — namely, radio and television, by means of which they can inform many millions of their fellow citizens. Any cause which could muster a demonstration of any size can and should be given air time for this purpose, and with the advent of even more channels the opportunities will be wider.

If the object of the demonstration is to coerce, it is illegitimate. In countries where there is no democracy, there is some justification for using mass demonstrations as a means to induce change, but in this country our Parliament is freely elected, and if particular groups of citizens desire change, their right is to persuade by facts and argument that they have a good case, not to seek to influence Parliament by coercive measures.

On Thursday last, many thousands, perhaps millions, of people were prevented from going about their lawful business by this demonstration, and it must have been impossible for police cars, fire engines, or ambulances to attend emergencies. Whilst the demonstrators have the alternative of radio and television the rest of us have no alternative, and have suffered a serious infringement of our liberties.

The time has come for Parliament to review the whole matter of mass demonstrations in city centres.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL STEPHEN,
12 Walpole Street, SW3.
November 26.

Mappa Mundi sale

From the Duke of Grafton

Sir, I do not wish to weary your readers, but feel, as Chairman of the Cathedrals Advisory Commission and, incidentally, a patron of the Hereford Cathedral Appeal, I must protest at the total failure of the Dean and Chapter to consult the commission on this vitally important matter.

Under our present constitution we are already supposed to be consulted on the sale of all important historical treasures from a cathedral. As Mr Pattinson's letter (November 23) clearly states, under the new Measure, which has already received general approval by the General Synod, the commission will have the statutory power to approve the sale of a treasure such as this. The timing of this sale is therefore of particular significance.

The map is now at Sotheby's and there has been no adequate consultation with any of the national heritage bodies. This fact is surely deplorable.

Yours faithfully,
GRAFTON,
Euston Hall,
Thetford, Norfolk.
November 25.

Gauguins in London

From the Director of the Courtauld Institute Galleries

Sir, Mr David Day (November 23) appears to be unaware that the Courtauld Institute Galleries, London University, possess three important paintings by Paul Gauguin — "Haymaking" (1889), "Nevermore", and "Te Rerioa" (both 1897). The two late works were included in the Washington DC showing of the Gauguin exhibition: "Nevermore" will be sent to the Grand Palais, Paris, in January, for the third and final stage, in response to an eloquent plea from the organisers of the exhibition.

They, and the other magnificent Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings from Samuel Courtauld's collection, will form one of the principal attractions in our new galleries at Somerset House, to be opened to the public in November next year.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS FARR, Director,
Courtauld Institute Galleries,
Woburn Square, WC1.
November 23.

Force of personality

From Mr Peter Hewitt

Sir, You report (November 18) that the Angolan authorities restraining Miss Elizabeth Forsyth "finally bowed to pressure from the British Government after a visit to Angola by Mrs Linda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, was threatened . . ."

In days of the Empire, the threat of a gunboat made foreign governments quake in their boots. Today, the threat to send in one of Mrs Thatcher's ministers would appear to have the same effect.

Yours sincerely,
PETER HEWITT,
New Street House,
Long Sutton, Somerset.
November 23.

Poverty in Africa

From the Chairman of Population Concern

Sir, In his article (Spectrum, November 21) on the environmental crisis in sub-Saharan Africa, Alan Hamilton points out that 25 years ago the continent was self-sufficient in food, whereas today 100 million Africans are dependent on imported grain; that there are too many cattle grazing the land, which is deteriorating into desert; and that the tree cover is being stripped at a disastrous rate. He also observes that Africa has the highest population growth of any major region in the world.

It is this last point which is so often ignored. With the population of the continent as a whole doubling every 24 years, the situation can only get worse.

Until the world tackles this problem of unrestricted population growth, which is the root cause of the environmental crisis and elsewhere, we are all guilty, like Nero, of fiddling while Rome burns.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON, Chairman,
Population Concern,
231 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
November 23.

Ward courtesies

From Dr R. J. A. Connett

Sir, As a recent guest at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, I would like to suggest from experience a simple solution of the question of whether patients should be addressed by first name or surname.

As I was being admitted to the ward, a nurse asked me which I preferred. The answer was then written on my notes and could easily be consulted by medical staff.

The customer always knows best!

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD J. A. CONNETT,
12 Heath Road,
Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge.
November 22.

From Miss Alison Grady

Sir, My mother, when in her mid-eighties, once said with great sadness, "Nobody ever calls me Dorothy now". Therefore I rejoice when others, and particularly those younger than myself, address me, not as a part of my family but by my own first name.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON GRADY,
78 Ridge Road, N21.

Homes for elderly

From Lady Phillips

Sir, Michael Wilson (November 22) draws attention to the need for a national inspectorate of all homes dedicated to the care of elderly people. The Joint Care Committee, representing the three main professional bodies in the care field, have established national standards and monitoring of their members' homes and we, as a national charity, provide information to the public about such accommodation.

We share Mr Wilson's concern at the struggle doctors have to ensure that services for their patients may be provided in their own homes and wonder whether the cost of guaranteeing warmth, comfort, security, health-care and mitigation of loneliness on a one-to-one basis has been properly thought through and estimated.

Care in the community may prove to be a far more expensive exercise per caput. Most residential-care and nursing homes provide care for a week at little more than the cost of one night in a major London hotel. For those who do need to go into care and require DHSS income support, its level is such that unless "top up" can be provided from alternative sources, choice is severely limited.

Yours sincerely,
PHILLIPS (President),
Elderly Accommodation Counsel,
1 Durward House,
31 Kensington Court, W8.

Humble servants

From Mr C. M. S. Whitelaw

Sir, Lord Polwarth's suggestion (November 18) that our administrators in Whitehall should, for the reasons given by him, spend half a day a week tending the royal parks and public squares is, indeed, deserving of consideration and acceptance.

Even more is it deserving of extension. Why should not members of the House of Lords, particularly the backwoodsmen, put in half a day's stint per week in parks adjacent to their Lordships' House?

Yours faithfully,
C. M. S. WHITELAW,
1 Lansdowne Crescent,
Edinburgh.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

It's an unfunny thing

Some situation comedies have everyday characters, others mould-breaking oddities such as Hancock or Steptoe. (Some, like *Bread*, have a mixture of the two.) The situations also can be either familiar or extraordinary. But the programmes by tradition have the tedious convention that at least something is comic.

No more. John Esmonde and Bob Larbey, who in their time have written some very funny scenes for such programmes as *The Good Life* and *Ever Decreasing Circles*, celebrated the return of *Brush Strokes* (BBC1) by taking their unfunny everyday hero, Jacko (Karl Howman) and his unfunny everyday fiancée Sandra (Jackie Lye), and placing them with the oddity Elmo (Lew Lewis) in a situation that was familiar, unfamiliar and stubbornly unfunny.

Although the writers had taken the precaution of telling the *Radio Times* that they did not like putting jokes in their comedy, they could not help themselves from starting with quite a funny gag. The organ music announcing another episode in Jacko's long-running marriage saga ground to a halt and the vicar was rushed to hospital with appendicitis before he could marry the couple. This threat of humour was soon extinguished, and the naturally funny figure of Lew Lewis was reduced to throwing confetti, in a reception that contained less amusing dialogue and incident than any wedding I have attended.

Perhaps *Brush Strokes* is the future in this new television era, with everything having a base of bland soap opera with a mere *squeeze of* genuine drama, comedy or news to indicate the genre. BBC2's *Perfect Strangers*, an import from America, certainly tried hard *to be* funny. *Its* humour is rather an odd mixture of the old and the new. The basic joke is that discredited old chestnut, the foreigner *with a* funny accent, but to meet the demands of a more racially sensitive culture the foreigner (Bronson Pinchot) comes *from an imaginary country* and stumbles across some truths amidst his distorted phonemes.

Andrew Hislop

John Russell Taylor on the pros and cons of Julian Schnabel: there is substance beneath the artist's self-conscious joking

Crockery, mockery and talent

GALLERIES

Julian Schnabel
Waddington

Warhol-Basquiat Collaborations
Mayor Rowan/ Mayor/ David Grob

Glenn Sujo
Benjamin Rhodes

Richard Deacon
Whitechapel

Glynn Williams
Bernard Jacobson

Sometimes one gets bored with even trying to see the emperor's new clothes. I have felt like that several times of late in relation to **Julian Schnabel**. I felt it with his last major show in New York, and feel it again with about half of the show of recent works which fills nearly three of the four Waddington galleries (until December 23).

Apparently Schnabel has somewhere come upon a cache of unimportant French engravings — portraits, rococo scenes of amorous dalliance and such. He has stuck one each in the centre of a series of large canvases, pasted coarse fabric round the edge of the canvas to suggest some kind of mount, and then quickly splashed paint on to the resultant surface and scribbled "La banana e' buona", graffiti-like, across it.

The idea is not even amusing, and is certainly not profound. Nor is the overall result, even when installed in rather grand painted and gilded frames, notably agreeable to look at. It seems like a deliberate attempt to find out how much (or how little) the picture-buying public can be intimidated into accepting.

The rest of the pictures in the show are as much a batch as the first, presumably also painted over quite a short period. But here there is an idea which is quite diverting and maybe something more. We all know that Schnabel used to be famed principally for sticking fragments of broken crockery all over his paint surfaces. Now he has gone one better by covering the surface with broken pots first, then painting on top of it.

The pictures are all portraits, and they are given an elusive dimensional quality by the way that the paint goes over and under the excrescences: at a distance the image comes together rather as a mosaic does. If the result is not exactly a collection of masterworks, it does at least serve to remind us that inside the tremendous commercial success and media presence of Schnabel, there may actually be a talented painter struggling to get out.

The word graffiti brings to mind the New York sensation of a few years back, the ill-fated **Jean-Michel Basquiat**. He began as literally a graffiti artist, and enjoyed a well-publicized rags-to-riches story when he was discovered and instantly taken up by some of the snootiest and most expensive galleries in New York. Then he was almost immediately dropped and forgotten. Only now that he is safely dead (aged 27) does he reappear, in the rather sketchily defined company of another recently-dead artist, **Andy Warhol**. The results of their alleged collaboration occupy no fewer than three West End galleries until January 21.

The paintings are admittedly big. They look almost entirely like unadulterated Basquiat, though there are two or three which indicate how the "collaboration" may have gone. In those you can see, buried somewhere in the overlying paint, a sort of silk-screened photograph (of a motor-bike, an Olympic symbol, a dog) which Warhol might have selected and got one of his assistants to put on canvas. From then on, Basquiat presumably did what a graffiti artist is supposed to do: sprayed and scribbled on top.

There is a certain irony in the idea of Warhol's being reduced to the status of the mechanical poster-image in which he found much of his later inspiration. But otherwise, if you saw one of these works flashing past on the side of a New York subway train, you would probably feel little temptation to arrest it for further study.



Mosaic effect: "Joe", 1988, in oil, plates and bondo on wood, by Julian Schnabel, at Waddington Galleries

Glenn Sujo is, needless to say, a much less known painter, but if there were any justice in the world it would not be so. His latest works, on show at the Benjamin Rhodes Gallery until the end of the week, show a new departure.

He has always been interested in history, his own and that of the world, and has liked to reflect on it in intricate and many-layered images. This time Italy, and Rome in particular, seems to have been the catalyst. The major works in the series called "Imaginarium" are CinemaScope-shaped, and predominantly dark in tone, with hellish fires glowing through.

The key work is probably "Bramante had a Dream of Rome Rebuilt", which shows the figure of the architect contemplating chaos and, no doubt, willing it to rearrange itself into something nearer an ideal order. If one may judge by the tone of the other paintings, order will be achieved only by great travail and the grinding of dark satanic mills.

There are also drawings of great beauty in which Sujo works out the details of the architecture he is going subsequently to fragment and reconstitute and bury and resurrect. The paintings are extremely painterly and it is saying a lot that he can accommodate the ghosts of Bramante and Michelangelo flitting through without our feeling any too terrible sense of disproportion.

Also in evidence this week are sculptors. As this year's Turner Prize is awarded to a sculptor, last year's prize winner, **Richard Deacon**, has a major show opening at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (until January 22). This is given over entirely to work of last year and this. Deacon is one of those sculptors with a very decided personality and an unmistakable vision of his own. He makes little attempt to woo with attractive text, serisuous blandishments *director*, kind. Many of his works are *irs*. and look, if anything, like giant indefinable sections recovered from some sunken ocean liner, probably the engine-room.

These sculptures should satisfy the requirements of anybody who seeks to measure achievement in the arts by man-hours spent, sheer visible workmanship, *materials* (zinc, laminated linoleum, rigid PVC and even on one alarming occasion, mirrors) are bent to the maker's will, *the sort of* agonized purposefulness usually reserved for ti-nat- modifications to the design they airliner. Deacon's work is the least pretty, but it is *minster* ably powerful and fit to more one's dreams.

Glynn Williams is a much in the *traditional sculptor*, though could much the same generation sion. carves in stone, and is preoccupied almost entirely with the h such figure. *In his latest* show ap- Bernard Jacobson until Janu select one is more likely to be remin the of early Epstein or Frank Dob in than of anything more trendy. of EC

This probably makes him Post-Modernist, if you seek ji tification by label. But there is need for a label to be struck by er, force of the agonized "Pieta", the impact curiously intensified by the brusque way the figure holding th body is chopped off mid-chest an just above the elbow. The var ations on the man doing push-up called "Stone Bridge", are als deeply satisfying from all angle Even after Moore, carving is stil alive and well, and Glynn Williams is there to prove it.

Signs of hope as the direction changes

DANCE

Arden Court
Sadler's Wells

London Contemporary Dance Theatre has started its London season with a new Royal patron, the Duke of York, and an honorary CBE for its retiring director, Robert Cohan. It is richly deserved for his contributions to founding and shaping the company, even if much re-thinking will be needed from his successor (another American, Dan Wagoner) to lead the company out of its recent stagnation.

The opening programme demonstrated the assets and problems Wagoner will inherit. The last third of the evening shows the dancers at their joyous best in a new production, Paul Taylor's *Arden Court*. Set to extracts from five of William Boyce's dances, this suite of dances matches the music's baroque exuberance.

The six men have most of the action. They start and end the ballet with a flourish of athleticism. There is a brilliantly extrovert solo for Julian Moss. Patrick Harding-Birmer, Michael Small and Andrew Robinson dance varied duets with respectively Celia Hulton, Anne Went and Tracey Fitzgerald which are in turn tenderly ardent, brightly playful, and innocently trusting. Darshan Singh Bhuller and Paul Liburd share a display sequence that has a lot of humour as well as virtuosity.

Gene Moore's designs and Jennifer Tipton's lighting locate the action in a dappled forest of ardent longings. This production restores the spirits after a dim start to the evening.

Cohan's policy of giving opportunities to would-be choreographers is admirable, but goes badly wrong when nobody is prepared to be selective about what actually goes into the repertoire. Jonathan Lunn's *Shift* is 20 minutes of choreographic doodling with six male bodies. Bhuller's *Giant Steps* is longer and more pretentious, therefore worse.

Only Aletta Collins in *Stand by Your Man* makes a real theatrical point, about men's behaviour to women, cogently and comically. Even if the best jokes are borrowed from Pina Bausch, at least Collins has a way with movement.

John Percival

Tall tale of a wonderful wolf

PARIS THEATRE

Réveille-toi, Philadelphie!
La Colline

A wolf, *lupus lupus* not *homo Romeo*, is the unseen hero of François Billetdoux's new play *Réveille-toi, Philadelphie!* (Wake up, Philadelphie!), directed by Jorge Lavelli at his new national theatre, La Colline. Philadelphie is, as she put it, "nine-years-old, nearly 12". She lives with her widowed but not womanless father, in a large house whose constantly metamorphosing architecture blends mystically into the vegetal tangle of Louis Bercut's disenchanted forest design.

Philadelphie says she is in love with a wolf who is now travelling across the countryside to claim his bride. And, a wolf is indeed reported to be making a bee-line for her neck of the woods, leaving the customary trail of terror and slightly chewed sheep.

As mayor, Philadelphie's father is asked to deal with the beast. Philadelphie threatens that if he takes his gun, she will age one year for every hour he is away. Velt returns home three days later to find his offspring has become a pubescent 83-year-old.

Her Scandinavian nursemaid demands hush money. The local doctor reverts to the womb. Velt's libidinous mistress starts crawling around on all fours. Velt figures out that if the ageing process can be started up again, a "natural" death will put them all out of their misery. The sagely infantile Philadelphie begins to see adults *in a new light*.

All the while, the wolf is still at large. By twists and turns that are both funny and frightening, the invisible animal eventually meets his betrothed, loses his skin but not, we are led to imagine, his life. Just as incredulity reaches outright absurdity, Billetdoux wisely supplies a relatively happy ending, which finds the rejuvenated Philadelphie up a chimney.

It is a fabulous metaphysical fairy-tale for grown-ups, leavened with myth, magically bound together with 20th century cryptic poetic prose.

Lavelli's exaggerated, almost pantomime direction heightens the play's dreamlike, nursery rhyme qualities. Not evident in the text, Lavelli develops amusing visual references to Red Riding Hood.

MARC ET BRIGITTE ENGUERAND



Old and yet young: Denise Gence

Denise Gence forgets her own gently advancing years and is a believable nine-year-old, who suddenly becomes her own grandmother. There are juicy roles for Claude Rich as the middle-aged elfin father who refuses to grow up; Anna Prucnal as the Nordically eccentric, knicker-showing nurse; Jean-Claude Jay as the Préfet: "I'm a man of action, I only stop walking when I sleep"; Henri Garcin as the doctor who discovers he hates sick people; and Myriam Boyer as Velt's deliciously rotund, innocently Rabelaisian mistress.

Diane Hill

CORRECTION

● The correct name of the actor in the photograph accompanying yesterday's review of the Cheek by Jowl production of *The Tempest* is Michael Jenn, not Stephen Jenn as stated.

Mystical richness

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/ Hughes
Festival Hall

Paul Patterson's *Stabat Mater* fits comfortably into a long tradition of English sacred music. Richly and expertly expressive of its text without being histrionic, passionate but civilized, it ultimately strives for a regenerative, life-enhancing quality, rather than attempting to shatter traditions or unsettle cherished beliefs.

That suggests something reassuringly retrospective, and certain echoes in the writing reinforce that feeling. Elgar's demons hover noticeably over some of the angrier choral passages, and there are also shadows of Britten and Walton.

However, the work is too well crafted to sound synthetic. Some of the choral writing, particularly the deep unaccompanied harmonies of the central section, which gradually drifts away from classic part-song homophony and towards quasi-liturgical chanting — is superbly conceived, and the emergence out of grief of the final blaze of triumphant sound is done without a hint of forced melodrama. However, it is Patterson's assured handling of orchestral colour, particularly his floating of poignant oboe, horn or string lines against slow harmonies, that gives the work its mystical quality.

Originally written two years ago for the Huddersfield Choral Society's 150th anniversary, the *Stabat Mater* was given its first London performance by the Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus, directed by *Owain Arwel Hughes*. The Chorus's control in the unaccompanied *pianissimo* passage was especially fine. Linda Finnie sang the *mezzo-suprano solo* with feeling, though her vibrato widened alarmingly at times.

Richard Morrison

LSO/Abbado
Barbican Hall

Since he relinquished his post as the London Symphony Orchestra's music director, whenever Claudio Abbado appears with his former charges one can sense an atmosphere of unusual intensity. This concert, dedicated to the memory of the LSO's former principal tuba player, John Fletcher, who died tragically young last year, was just such an instance. Though it began with the ever passionate, ever communicative cello playing of Mstislav Rostropovich in Prokofiev's *Sinfonia Concertante* Op 125, there was no doubt that the main event of the evening was Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloe*.

Abbado and the LSO brought to this wonderful work a rare combination of maturity and freshness, as well as a remarkable degree of technical accomplishment. At any given moment its momentum is either suspended in a deliciously lazy immobility or powered on with a primeval energy. This performance captured the essential contrast perfectly, helped by Abbado's unerring ear for orchestral detail. Soloists were far more than merely reliable; Paul Edmund-Davies gave a stunning sequence of *roulades* on the flute, while the uncredited cor anglais player also thoroughly deserved his rise at the end.

One of the LSO chorus's contributions, in the interlude leading to the second scene was a little shaky, but they contributed much to the distinction of this reading, with singing that was sturdy or delicate as required. The blend of sound was well rounded, the brass noticeably careful in avoiding vulgarity. In its vividness this was an Italian's *Daphnis*, to be sure; but in its sensitivity it was also a Frenchman's.

Stephen Pettitt

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 28: The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this morning for Lisbon, Portugal, where His Royal Highness attended a reception in connection with the Centenary of the Royal British Club and afterwards attended a luncheon with The President of the Republic of Portugal.

The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently attended a dinner with the Royal British Club at the Ritz Hotel, Lisbon.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt, was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot) this morning visited the 1st Battalion at Cinque Ports Training Area, Kent and was received on arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment (Brigadier P. Hargrave).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the new Regional Distribution Centre at Maidstone for the South East Thames Regional Health Authority at Maidstone and was received on arrival by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Kent).

The Princess Royal, President of The Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited Lancing College to give the Lancing Lecture and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk).

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 28: The Princess of Wales attended a reception and luncheon in honour of Dame Ninette de Valois, at Plaisterers' Hall, London Wall, London EC2.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Wales Craft Council, subsequently received members of the Council and viewed samples of crafts at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 28: The Duke of Gloucester this morning reopened Chelmsford Station and later opened Cricketers Close, Broomfield. His Royal Highness was subsequently entertained to luncheon by the Mayor of Chelmsford (Councillor Philip Firth) at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford, and in the afternoon opened the Village Hall at Pleshey, Essex.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 27: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today attended a Service to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the first Guards Chapel in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

Captain Charles Page was in attendance.

The President of Nigeria and Mrs Babangida will pay a state visit to the United Kingdom from May 9 to 12 next year. They will stay at Buckingham Palace.

Princess Beatrice of York will be baptised by the Archbishop of York in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, on December 20. As already announced, the godparents are Viscount Linley, Mr Peter Palumbo, the Duchess of Roxburghe, Mrs Harry Cotterell and Mrs John Greenall.

The Duke of Gloucester has become the Patron of the Black Country Museum, Dudley, West Midlands.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as International President of the World Wide Fund for Nature, will attend the WWF auction at Sotheby's at 6.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Royal College of Music at 3.30.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads at 10.30; and the School of Environmental Sciences and the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, at 2.15, to mark the university's twenty-fifth anniversary. As Master of the Master Mariners' Company, he will preside at the annual dinner at the Mansion House at 7.00.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Barnet Relate Centre, 5 Woodhouse Road, Finchley, at 10.30.

The Duchess of York will present the 1988 Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts Awards at the National Theatre at 12.45.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Home Farm Trust, will open Meadow View in the grounds of Old Quarries, Avening, Gloucestershire, at 10.30; open the new engineering block at the Oxford College of Further Education at 2.15; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a gala dinner aboard the *Royal Viking Sun* at Greenwich at 7.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, will visit Christina Square, N4, at 10.45; and will lay the foundation stone of a development on the site of the Royal Free Hospital in Liverpool Road, N1, at 11.30.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Institute of Occupational Health and the Biochemical Building at Birmingham University, at 11.10 and 12.00, and, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Arthur Price of England, Britannia Way, Lichfield, Staffordshire, at 3.30. He will attend a reception for Derbyshire and Staffordshire Freemasons in the Freemasons Hall, Burton-on-Trent at 6.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend a concert arranged by the National Kidney Research Fund at St James's Palace at 7.25.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will attend the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' annual dinner at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.30.

Luncheons

Sir Hugh Rossi, MP
The Hon Rino Nicolosi, President of the Region of Sicily, was guest of honour at a buffet luncheon held at the House of Commons last Thursday, November 24. Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, presided and among those present were:

His Excellency the Ambassador of Italy, Boris Biancheri, Mr Roberto Di Leo (the Italian Consul), Mr Livio Muzi-Falconi, Mr N Cappello, Mr Matthew Carrington, MP, Mr Michael Grylls, MP, Mr Douglas French, MP, Mr David Dain (Head of Western European Department at the Foreign Office), Miss B. Brett-Rooks (Officer for Italy at the Foreign Office), Lord Forte.

Mr Salvatore Alfano (Chairman of the Trinacria Association), Mr Aldo V. Bevacqua (Vice-Chairman of the Trinacria Association), Mr F. Mirabile (Secretary General of the Trinacria Association), Mr Massimo D'Amico (Director of the Italian Trade Centre), Mr Emilio Tommasi (Director of the Italian State Tourist Office), Cav del Lav. Coen, (Chairman of the Italian Chamber of Commerce), Professor Vaciago (Director of the Italian Institute of Culture), Mr V. Vasta (General Manager of the Banco di Sicilia), Lord Nelson, Lady Hambledon, Mr and Mrs R. Manley, Mr F. Sitwell, Mr C. Colombotti, Mr G. Guglielmino, Dame Roberta Mutti, Mr P. Scacco, Mr F. Di Matteo, Mr P. Sheridan, Monsignor G. Blanda, Mr M. Perricone, Mr V. Abello, Mr A. Alfano, Mr C. Alfano, Mr G. Alfano, Mr V. Alfano, Dr F. Bavetta, Mr G. Croce, Mr L. Ligari, Mr L. Militello, Mr C. Nucera, Mr P. Papotto, Mr G. Scimone, Mr D. Scolaro, Mr M. Simone, Mr R. Davis, Mrs Consejo Hackney, Mrs Cristina Madden, Mr S. Martorana.

Directors of the following banks were also present: Banca Nazionale dell'Agricoltura, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Banco di Napoli, Banca Popolare di Novara, Banco di Roma, Cassa di Risparmio di Genova, Credito Italiano, Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino, Italian International Bank, Swiss Banking Corporation.

Among the foreign press represented were: A.N.S.A., *La Stampa*, *Il Messaggero*, *La Voce degli Italiani*, *Londra Neva*.

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Maneck Dalal, Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League, and members of the central council gave a luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House. The Canadian High Commissioner was the guest of honour.



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Astronomy

The night sky in December

By Michael J. Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

Mercury is at superior conjunction on the 1st and becomes an evening star but sets within an hour of the Sun and is unlikely to be seen.

Venus is still a morning star rising three hours before the Sun early in the month but less than two hours by its end. Now beyond the Sun it is approaching full phase, magnitude -3.9. The Moon passes to the south on the morning of the 7th.

Mars sets well after midnight throughout the month, fading from -1.0 to zero magnitude. Now moving eastwards again, this motion will largely offset the daily westwards motion of the surrounding stars and keep Mars an evening star well into July 1989. The next opposition of Mars will not be until November 1990. The moon passes 3 degrees to the north on the 17th.

Jupiter is above the horizon from dusk throughout the month, setting by 05 hours on the 31st. Situated in Taurus and to the south of the Pleiades it is a conspicuous object of -2.8 magnitude. The gibbous Moon passes to the north on the 20th.

Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 26th and not visible in December.

Uranus is at conjunction on the 22nd and not visible.

Neptune is at conjunction on the 31st and not visible.

The Moon: last quarter, 1d 07h; new, 9d 06h; first quarter, 16d 06h; full, 23d 05h; last quarter, 31d 05h.

On the evening of the 27th the Moon will pass within half a diameter to the north of the bright star Regulus.

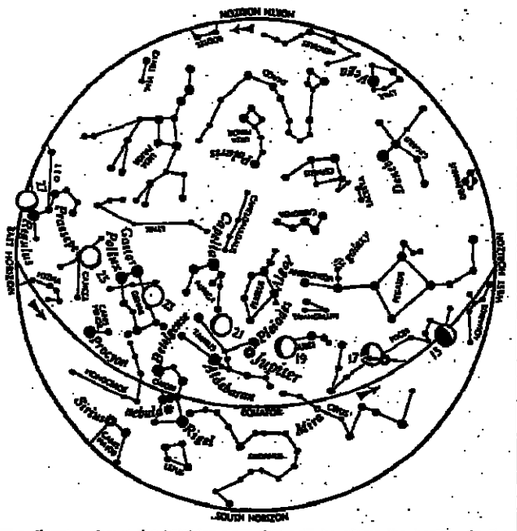
The Earth: the winter solstice, when the Sun reaches its most southerly point, occurs on 21d 15h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 15h 54m and at 16h 02m by the 31st while sunrise is at 07h 44m and 08h 06m on the same dates.

Astronomical Twilight ends at 17h 56m and 18h 04m early and late in the month and starts at 05h 42m and 06h 02m.

Algol, the variable star in Perseus, will be at minimum brightness about the following times (3.4 mag, usual brightness 2.1): 1d 04h, 4d 01h, 6d 22h, 9d 19h, 24d 03h, 26d 24h and 29d 20h.

The principal meteor shower in December is the Geminids which reaches maximum activity on the night of the 13th/14th. Apart from the actual variations from year to year, the number of meteors seen is much affected by moonlight and the altitude of the radiant, the small area of sky from which they appear to come.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month. Local mean time, 24 places away from the Greenwich meridian (the Greenwich meridian passes at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon line observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

This year the Moon will be no problem, being only a few days old and setting early. The radiant is near the bright star Castor and our chart shows it is coming up in the east during the evening and reaches a very satisfactory altitude by 22h, crossing the meridian at about 02h. The Geminids contain bright meteors and a rate of 60 an hour can be expected by late evening. Activity is not confirmed to this night only and some Geminids should be seen from the 10th to the 15th.

Prominent on the December chart but not so easily found in the sky, is the large and meandering constellation named after the mythical river Eridanus, said to have been created by Phaeton, son of the Sun God. The Arabs also viewed it as a river and called it Al Nahr. It spreads over about 50 degrees from east to west and 60 degrees from the equator southwards. There is only one star brighter than 3rd magnitude and that is the 1st magnitude star Achernar (Arabic for river's end) but this star is at the southern tip of the constellation and 20 degrees too far south ever to be seen from the British Isles.

The second brightest star named Cursa (throne) defines the northern end of the river and is quite close to the star Rigel which forms the right-hand foot of the figure of Orion. In between, a ribbon composed mainly of fourth magnitude stars forms the river which flows first south-west and then through a large loop back towards the east before turning south-west again towards Achernar.

The constellations bordering Eridanus are, clockwise from the north, Taurus (the Bull), Cetus (the Whale), Fornax (the Furnace), Phoenix (the Phoenix), Hydrus (the lesser Water Snake), Horologium (the Clock), Caelum (the Chisel), Lepus (the Hare) and Orion (Orion, the hunter). Lepus, Orion, Taurus and Cetus are wholly visible from the British Isles. Fornax and Caelum partly so, and Phoenix, Hydrus and Horologium not at all.

The southern-most five of these constellations are more recent than the others which date from antiquity. Fornax was introduced originally as the Chemical Furnace by Abbé de La Caille about 1763 and he also named Horologium (originally the Pendulum Clock) and Caelum (Chisel or Engraving Tool); the other two, Hydrus and Phoenix, the rather older dating back to 1603 when Johann Bayer defined a number of new constellations. Bayer attached small Greek letters to stars in each constellation in order of their brightness and these are still in use; for example, Achernar is alpha Eridani and Rigel is beta Orionis.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R. Bowers and Miss D.F. Edwards
The marriage between James, son of Mr N. Bowers and Mrs B. Bowers, and Debra, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Edwards, will take place in Sydney, Australia on June 24, 1989.

Mr C.H.N. Chamberlain and Miss B.M. Paul
The engagement is announced between Christopher Humfrey Nils, son of Mr and Mrs T.R.B. Chamberlain, of Great Yeldham, Essex, and Bridget Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W. Paul, of Wherstead, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr H. Clark and Miss S. Heptinstall
The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs Daniel Clark, of Street, Somerset, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Heptinstall, of Cleadon, Sunderland.

Dr J.J. Cordingley and Dr R.A. Craig
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr John Cordingley, OBE, and Mrs Cordingley, of West Clandon, Surrey, and Rosemary, third daughter of Dr and Mrs A.V. Craig, of Chatham, Kent.

Mr R. Hammond and Miss N.D.J. Druiff
The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of the late R. Hammond and of Mrs M.A. Hammond, of Guildford, Surrey, and Naomi Deborah Jessel, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs P.D.J. Druiff.

Mr S.A. Home and Miss E.J. Williamson
The engagement is announced between Simon Anthony, the only son of Mr and Mrs M.A. Home, of Brock Hill Farm, Hose, Leicestershire, and Elizabeth Jane, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs V.G. Williamson, of Long-gate Lodge, Scalford, Leicestershire.

Mr A.M. Muirhead and Miss S.J. Osborne
The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Major and Mrs R.L.M. Muirhead, of Plumpton, Sussex, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.F.W. Osborne, of Boston Spa, Yorkshire.

Mr G.E. Sarson and Miss R.J. Newling
The engagement is announced between Giles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Sarson, of Wimbledon, and Roslyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Newling, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr M. Stephen and Mrs V.M. Gasper
The engagement is announced between Michael Stephen, of Bardfield Saling, Essex, and London, SW3, and Virginia Mary Gasper, of Trinity Church Square, London, SE1. The marriage will take place in the new year.

Mr A.B. Taylor and Miss G.G.W. Adams
The engagement is announced between Alan Taylor, of Highgate, London, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs J.F. Adams, of Bearsden, Glasgow.

Mr R.B.C. Treacy, FRCS and Miss M.J. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Ronan Barry Conal, younger son of Dr and Mrs M.C. Treacy, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Michele Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.L. Morgan, also of Edgbaston.

Mr D.E. Wiehahn and Miss E.M. Gay
The engagement is announced between Dennis, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Wiehahn, of Oxhey, Hertfordshire, and Emma, daughter of the late Mr Timothy Gay and of Mrs Gay, of North Wraxall, Wiltshire.

Receptions

Friends of Sri Lanka Association
The High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and the Friends of Sri Lanka Association gave a reception yesterday evening at the Commonwealth Institute after Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, opened the photographic exhibition "Sri Lanka, the Country, the People and their Heritage", sponsored by the association.

Winckworth & Pemberton
The partners and staff of Winckworth & Pemberton welcomed clients and associates to a reception yesterday evening at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. The occasion was held to celebrate 200 years of legal practice by the firm in Westminster. A toast to the firm was proposed by The Rt Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton, and a message of goodwill was received from the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Service dinner

16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers
Brigadier J.L. Pownall, Colonel of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, presided at the annual officers dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Bridge

The annual friendly match between England and the Netherlands, involving six categories of players, took place in London at the weekend. A narrow win of eight victory points by England makes the scores level between the two countries.

RESULTS

Open: England 78, Netherlands 71.5. Women: England 59, Netherlands 52. Juniors: England 46.5, Netherlands 56. County: England 58, Netherlands 64. Club: England 49, Netherlands 61. Officials: England 75, Netherlands 62. Total: England 363.5, Netherlands 366.5.

England teams: Open: P J Crouch, J Hobson, A Dyson, J Bacon. Women: Mrs E Phillips, Miss E J Pritchard, Mrs J Spence. Mrs D Williams. Juniors: J P Hackett, J T Hackett, P Granville. S Gray. County: J Griffiths, D MacDonald, M Fisher, A Wood. Club: Mrs G James, Mrs M Mann, Mr and Mrs J Baldwin. Officials: H Franklin, J R T Williams, R T Higson, R E Stanley.

Marriage

Mr J. Cochrane and Mrs J. Halfnight
The marriage took place in Tunbridge Wells on November 25, 1988, between Mr James Cochrane, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.C. Cochrane, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Mrs Jennifer Halfnight, daughter of Mrs P. Wilby, of Pocklington, Yorkshire.

Memorial services

Lord Roberthall
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Roberthall was held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster. The Rev Basil Nelson officiated. Mr Max Wilkinson and Mrs Nancy Trenman read the lessons. Lord Plowden, Sir Kit McMahon and Mr David Worswick gave addresses.

Mr John Ennals
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr John Ennals was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Canon Geoffrey Brown and the Rev Conway Brown officiated. Lord Ennals, brother, read the preamble to the United Nations charter. Dr Davidson Nicol, Honorary Vice-President of the United Nations Association, and Honorary President of the World Federation of the United Nations Association, Mr Martin Ennals, brother, the Yugoslav Ambassador, and Mr David Winnick, MP, gave addresses.

Mr Neil Currie
A memorial service for Mr Neil Currie was held yesterday in Fettes College Chapel, Edinburgh. The Rev J.A.H. Murdoch officiated. Mr J.K. Foot read the lesson and the Rev D.J. Weekes and Mr James Gilmour gave addresses.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Ivor Batchelor, psychiatrist, 72; Mr George Cansdale, author, 79; Sir Derek Day, diplomat, 61; Sir Eric Drake, former chairman, BP, 78; the Earl of Effingham, 83; Professor Sir Michael Howard, historian, 66; Mr Derek Jameson, journalist and broadcaster, 59; Professor Frank Kermode, former professor of English literature, 69; Mr Geoffrey Moorhouse, writer, 57; Professor Edith Penrose, economic consultant, 74; Lady Porter, leader, Westminster Council, 58; Mr Toby Robertson, theatre, opera and television director, 60; Sir James Scott-Hopkins, MEP, 67; Sir David Steel, chairman, The Wellcome Trust, 72; Sir John Templeton, financial analyst, 76; Sir Peter Tennant, former director-general, British National Export Council, 78; Mr Alan Lee Williams, warden, Toynbee Hall, 58.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, Mr Denys Henderson and **Professor Robert May** to be trustees of the British Museum (Natural History). **Sir Walter Bodmer** has been re-appointed and will serve as Chairman to the Board of Trustees.

Sir Gordon Slynn to be Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, in succession to Professor Cecil J. Olmstead.

Latest wills

Mr David Mabe Grace, QC, of London SW19, assistant recorder, left estate valued at £567,846 net.

Mrs Louise Bow, of Newell, Sherborne, Dorset, left estate valued at £895,032 net. She left her real property at Newell and effects there to Sherborne School.

OBITUARIES

JOHN CARRADINE
Versatile actor of Hollywood character roles

John Carradine, the American character actor who appeared in some 200 films and started a Hollywood acting dynasty, died on November 27 in a Milan hospital at the age of 82.

Tall and thin with craggy features and a strong, rich voice, he revelled in playing eccentrics and villains and was at home in every type of film. But he was at his best in horror movies and westerns.

For many years he was a regular member of the John Ford stock company, and among his most remembered characters are the gambler Hatfield in *Stagecoach* and the reformed preacher Casey in *The Grapes of Wrath* (1940). He first worked with Ford in the 1930s, on films like *Mary of Scotland*, *The Hurricane* and *Four Men and a Prayer*, and the collaboration continued through to *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* and *Cheyenne Autumn* in the 1960s.

He was chosen by Fritz Lang for supporting parts in *Western Union*, *The Return of Frank James* and *Man Hunt* and well justified his selection. He worked with another distinguished Hollywood expatriate, Jean Renoir, on *Swamp Water*.

Carradine's career in horror films went back to *Bride of Frankenstein* in 1935 but he is best known in this field for his several portrayals of Count Dracula, a role for which his cadaverous appearance, with long jaw and sunken cheeks, was ideally suited.

Away from the cinema Carradine's passion was Shakespeare. As a young actor he joined a Shakespeare stock company and in 1945 he directed his own Shakespeare company in California. His leading lady, Sonia Sorrel, became his second wife. He also gave one-man Shakespeare readings and was known as the "Bard of the Boulevard" because of his habit of reciting Shakespeare while walking in the street dressed in a velvet suit and cape.



As the reformed preacher in The Grapes of Wrath

Three of his five sons, David, Keith and Robert Carradine, followed him into acting and all achieved substantial careers in Hollywood during the 1970s.

He was born Richmond Reed Carradine in Greenwich Village, New York City, on February 5, 1906. His father was a lawyer, poet and painter, who became an Associated Press correspondent in London, and his mother a surgeon.

Starting his career as a painter and sculptor, he went south and decided to become an actor. His made his first stage appearance in a production of *Camille* in New Orleans in 1925. Supporting himself by drawing quick portraits, he tried his luck in Hollywood.

At first unsuccessful, he finally made his screen debut in 1930 and for several years appeared under the name of John Peter Richmond. He changed to John Carradine when he signed a contract with Twentieth-Century Fox.

The late 1930s and early 1940s saw his best work, when his incisive character roles enhanced a wide variety of films. Later the quality and quantity of his output declined and in 1960 he declared himself bankrupt.

But he never retired and continued to be a familiar face on the screen into the 1980s. His three marriages were dissolved.

JEREMY HADFIELD
Colourful publicist of books

Mr Jeremy Hadfield, who died on November 26 of cancer after a long illness at the age of 56, was a colourful figure in publishing in his heyday, which was in the later 1960s and early 1970s.

He was the son of John Hadfield, who survives him and who is widely regarded as one of the few genuinely distinguished "bookmen" left.

Before founding his own publicity firm, Hadfield Associates, in 1980, Jeremy Hadfield had worked for Michael Joseph, which he joined in 1954, for Weidenfeld & Nicolson from 1960 to 1966 when he went to Secker & Warburg, and returning to Weidenfeld in 1968 where he was publicity director when he left again in 1968. He joined Macmillan in 1973 staying till the end of 1979.

To a certain extent he could have been said to have anticipated the 1980s style of promoting books by hyperbole. But to leave it at that would be manifestly unjust. His own publicity campaigns, famous in their time, were for books in whose virtues he firmly believed — it should be added that they all did indeed possess some sort of notable merit. Hadfield promotions were unrepetitive, often elegant and always literate.

Most famous, perhaps, was his campaign for Secker in 1967, of the American novelist John Barth's *Giles Goatboat*. Here he had a very difficult task, since the author's previous novel had been a critical success but had not sold at all well — in fact it remained largely unread by the public. In the event *Giles Goatboat* became a best-seller in Great Britain as well as in America: Hadfield's intuitive PR played no small part in this.

Skilful and bold rather than cynical, Jeremy Hadfield was a bon viveur, and was perhaps at his best as a boon companion and conversationalist.

It was no surprise to his friends that he bore his last illness with the same kind of humour and courage that he had shown throughout his life.

MARGARET ALEXANDER
Former Social Editor of The Times

Margaret Alexander, who was Social Editor of *The Times* for 18 years, died yesterday aged 67. She was educated at Southgate County School and joined *The Times* in 1950 from the *Daily Herald*, where she had been secretary to the news editor.

She had a 14-year apprenticeship on the Court Page under Winifred Lodge, then the Social Editor, reporting memorial services and fashions at Ascot (this was before the advent of the Women's Page), and learning the byzantine protocol of society.

By the time she succeeded Miss Lodge in 1967, she had become an authority on etiquette, dealing with endless queries from readers about what to wear at social functions, precedence at weddings, correct titles and so on. She also had an enviable ability to deal firmly but politely with importunate people who thought they had a prescriptive right to space on the Court Page.



When *The Times* resumed publication in 1979 after the industrial dispute Auberon Waugh recounted in the *Spectator* how he wrote to the Social Editor to express his relief that the paper was back in time for his 40th birthday, and would she be free for lunch?

Like Miss Otis, the Social Editor much regretted she would be unable to dine with Mr Waugh, but sent all good wishes for his birthday, and made sure it was not recorded.

When not repelling boarders she was a sociable person who liked people. She was predeceased by the man she had loved for many years with whom marriage had not been possible.

Dinners

HM Government
The Secretary of State for the Home Department was host at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Zaki Badr, Egyptian Minister of the Interior. Among those present were:

The Egyptian Ambassador and Mrs Shaker, Mrs Badr, Mr Abdul-Rahim Hartid, Mr Ali Salman, Mr A Foulds, MP, Mr C Townsend, MP, and Mrs Townsend, Judge and Mrs Tumim, Mr and Mrs J Dellow, Mr Barry Price, Mr T Byrne, Sir Michael and Lady Weir, Mr Masaud El-Henawy and Mr and Mrs E Mortimer.

Bakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended the Bakers' Company election dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Frederick J. Bentley, the outgoing Master, presided, assisted by Mr Eric Kirby, Mr Aldermian Paul Newall and Mr Stanley Wise, Wardens. Earl Jellicoe was the principal guest and speaker and the Lord Mayor and Mr Alan Ure also spoke. Among others present were:

The Bishop of Worcester, the Master of the Wax Chandlers' Company and the President of the National Association of Master Bakers.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Robert Flach gave a dinner at City Hall last night. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs McClelland, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Lord and Lady Denham, Lady Thorneycroft, Sir William and Lady Heseltine, Lady Norton, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Mayne, the High Sheriff of Greater London and Mrs Brew, Mr and Mrs Terence Mallinson, Mr and Mrs John Leese, Mrs Margaret Cross, Mr and Mrs Edward Davis-Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Alec Gregg, Mr and Mrs Leo Marks, Mr John Rendell, Mr and Mrs Mark Vallos, Mr Miles Young and Mr Alexander Flach.

Carlton Club
Sir William van Straubenzee, Chairman of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the club. The guest of honour and speaker was Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Sir Cecil Burney also spoke.

Anthony Howitt Lecture
The President of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, Mr Ronald B. Kett, was host at a dinner on November 28, at Merchant Taylors' Hall (by kind permission of the Master and Wardens) given in honour of Sir William Ryrie, KCB, Executive Vice President, International Finance Corporation, who earlier in the evening had delivered the second Anthony Howitt Lecture on the subject of "Socialism, Capitalism and Development: The New Look of the third World". Among the guests were:

Sir William and Lady Ryrie, Mr and Mrs A.W. Howitt, Sir Percy and Lady Gradock, Professor and Mrs M.J. Furkhan, Sir David Hancock, Sir Ernest and Lady Harrison, Lord and Lady Kindersley, Sir Peter Marshall, Dame Anne Mueller, Mr and Mrs J.B. Perring, and Mr and Mrs P. Ryrie, Mr and Mrs I.N. Tegner and Sir Robert and Lady Wade-Gery.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Ray, naturalist, Black Notley, Essex, 1627; Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*, Germantown, Pennsylvania, 1832; Gertrude Jekyll, gardener and landscape architect, London, 1843; Sir Ambrose Fleming, scientist, Lancaster, 1849; C. S. Lewis, writer, Belfast, 1898.

DEATHS: St Gregory of Tours, Clermont-Ferrand, France, 538/539; Thomas Wolsey, lord chancellor 1515-29, Leicester, 1530; Prince Rupert, Royalist commander in the Civil War, London, 1682; Martin Tupper, poet, Albury, Surrey, 1889; Giacomo Puccini, Brussels, 1924; Norman Lindsay, artist and novelist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1969; Graham Hill, world champion racing driver 1962, 1968, killed in a plane crash near Elstree, 1975.

Handcross Park School

The Governors have appointed Mr Stephen Kerruish as Headmaster of Handcross Park in succession to the Reverend John Morris, who retires next July. Mr Kerruish, who taught for some years at St Faith's, Cambridge, is at present on the staff of King's College School, Wimbledon.

The Hon Julia Stonor deeply regrets she was unable to attend the memorial service for Mrs Douglas Fairbanks on November 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: neither are there any works like unto they works. Psalm 86:8

BIRTHS

AZIS - On November 28th, to Emily (née Briggs) and Jonathan, a sister for Matilda.

BELCHER - On November 21st 1988, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, to Sandra (née Cowan) and Paul, a daughter, Cara Margaret.

BURKE - On November 13th 1988, to Isobel (née Bartlett) and Larry, a daughter, Helen Victoria.

CRACKNELL - On October 28th, to Jane (née Goddard) and Mark, a son Thomas Richard, a brother for Emily.

DAVID - On November 26th, to Rosemary (née Hamilton) and Peter, a daughter, Amanda, a sister for Christopher, Katherine and William.

GRANT - On November 28th, at the Garden Hospital, to Lizzie (née Collins) and Donny, a daughter. Congratulations!

LONG - On November 23rd 1988, at The Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Heather (née Wilk) and Dick, a son, Philip Thomas Alban.

LOWTHER - On November 26th, to Karen (née Wallace) and James, a daughter, Natasha Jane.

MCCLELLAND - On November 23rd, to Pat and Mac a son, Edward Nicholas, a brother for Thomas to polar.

MCGARRY - On November 26th, in Dublin, to Bridget (née Pringle) and Kevin, a daughter Kate Elizabeth, a sister for Edward, William and Patrick.

MILLS - On November 3rd, to Sheila (née Thomsen) and Ken, a daughter, Felicity Caroline, a sister for Stevyn.

MOORE - On November 24th, to Margaret (née MacDonald) and Lewis, a daughter Alexandra Louise.

NEWSOM - On November 22nd 1988, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Jilly (née Woodcock) and William, a son Nicholas William Charles, a brother to Rebecca.

ROBERTS - On November 24th 1988, in Singapore, to Helen (née Bradshaw) and Ian, a son, Hugh Anthony.

SUTTON - On November 26th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Rose (née Carr), and Mark, a daughter, Phoebe Esmé.

THOMPSON - On November 26th, to Elisabeth (née Roth) and Benjamin, a son, Frederick Carl Michael, a brother for Maximillian.

WALKER - On November 25th, to Helen (née Waley-Cohen) and Barney, a son, George.

WALKER - On November 27th at Krankenhaus Soest to Katie (née Rushton) and Nigel, a son, Edward Courtney a brother for Laurence.

WESTBROOK - On November 20th, 1988, at Winchester to Gabby (née Wright) and Graham, a son, Thomas David Geoffrey.

WYATT-HAINES - On November 27th, at Torbay Hospital, to Suzanne and Richard, a daughter, Emma Louise.

YARROW - On November 23rd, to Katrina (née Dampney) and Michael, a daughter, Lucinda Mary Beverley.

MARRIAGES

JOHNSON-MILLAR - On October 7th, Paul Michael, younger son of the late Mr Victor Johnson and of Mrs Evelyn Johnson of Frinton-On-Sea, to Anne Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Millar of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

DEATHS

ALDER - On November 23rd in Hospital after a short illness, Carol (née Mills) until recently of Hagley, West Midlands. Beloved mother of Wng. Cmdr. Anthony I. Alder. Private cremation in Southampton, no flowers by request. Enquiries and donations if desired to P.D.S.A. c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. 0962 65195.

ALEXANDER - On November 28th 1988, at home, Kestrels, Bramfield, Suffolk, Margaret Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late David and Kate Alexander. Funeral service at St Andrew's, Bramfield, at 11.30am, on Friday, December 2nd, followed by private cremation. Inquiries to G.E. Woolnough, Halesworth 2204. Cut flowers only please or donations if desired, to, Macmillan Nurses Fund.

ARMSTRONG - On November 27th peacefully in Hospital, Laurel May, dearly beloved wife of Sir Andrew Armstrong, devoted mother of Christopher and loving grandmother of Charles, James, Victoria and Sam. Mass at 10 am in Fawley Court, Henley, Thursday December 1st. Interment at Marlow R.C. Church, family only. Flowers if so wished maybe sent to Sawyer Funeral Service, Marlow. Tel: Marlow 3531.

BRINKMAN - On November 26th 1988, at Musgrove Hospital, Taunton, the Rev Stanley Ernest Brinkman (former Chaplain Royal Airforce and Rector of Tankersley, Yorkshire). Much loved husband of the late Elizabeth, beloved father and grandfather. Funeral at St. Andrews Parish Church, Cheddar, Somerset at 12.15pm, Thursady 1st December 1988. Family flowers only please, donations if you wish to Michael Carslde, Helen Hse, Children's Hospice, 37 Leopold Street, Oxford OX4 1QT. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held in Yorkshire at a later date.

BROWN - On November 26th 1988, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, Nigel Clement aged 53. Beloved and devoted husband of Grete, loving father of Ian and Heidi and dear son of Marjorie. Funeral private. No flowers by request, but if desired, donations for M.R.I. Scanner Appeal, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge may be sent to Alfred Mills Funeral Director, Wimpole Rd, Great Eversden, Cambridge CB3 7HR.

COLLINSON - On November 28th 1988, peacefully, at an Ipswich hospital, after a short illness, Janet Ellen. Dearly loved wife of the late Norman and beloved sister of Ruth and Robert Rimmer. Society of Friends Memorial Meeting at 39 Fonnereau Road, Ipswich on Thursday, December 8th at 2.30 pm. No flowers or letters, please, but if desired donations for St Elizabeth Hospice may be sent to Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, 21 Berners Street Ipswich IP1 3LW.

CARRITT - On November 22nd 1988, peacefully, Jean Rosemary (née Barnett) aged 66 years, formerly of Porthcawl, Rhodesia and Johannesburgh. Wife of Tom, mother of Teri, Carolyne and Suzanne and loyal friend to Rory. A Beagle true bred. Rest in Peace. Requiem Mass at St. Dominic's Church, Downham Market on Friday December 2nd at 11.45 am followed by cremation at Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn at 1 pm. Donations if desired for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, Cardiac Analyser Fund to S. Staines and Sons, Stow Bardolph, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

DAVIS - On Saturday November 26th, peacefully in her sleep at The Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, Mary (née Winteringham), dearly beloved wife of Geoffrey and mother of Michael. Cremation at Guilford Crematorium (private) at 3pm Friday December 2nd. No letters or flowers by her request. Donations to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

du CROS - On November 27th, peacefully in Uckfield Hospital, Christine Nancy, loved and missed by family and friends. Funeral service at St. Margarets, Buxted Park on Friday, December 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, for N.S.P.C.C. or British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, 3241.

FAIRHOLME - On November 10th 1988, peacefully in Bregenz, Austria, Walter aged 82, much loved husband of Erica and loved father of Gerald. Funeral took place on November 16th at the English Protestant Church in Bregenz.

FAULKNER - On November 24th, at Canal Bridge, Linslade, Ethel Mary, much loved wife of the late Len Faulkner, mother of John and Sarah, and grandma of James, Jack, Tom, Faith, and Joe. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard and St. Mary's Church, Old Linslade Restoration Fund, c/o A.J. Pargeter, Giffen Couch & Archer Solicitors, Leighton Buzzard. Enquiries to Heritage & Sons, F.D., Winslow (029 671 3541).

FIELD - On November 28th 1988, peacefully, Colin Sherwood Field of Dorking. Much loved by Alison, Robin, Tasha and Becky and Win. Funeral Service, Monday December 5th 1988, at the Chapel, Trellis House, Dorking at 11.45 am. Donations for the British Heart Foundation maybe sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

HADFIELD - On November 26th, peacefully at home, in his 57th year, Jeremy Heywood, Husband of Maureen, father of Heywood and Patrick, son of John and Anna. Family funeral at St. Mary's Church, Barham, near Ipswich on Thursday December 1st at 12 noon. No mourning or flowers. Donations may be sent to Doctor Tookman's Research Grant Fund, Royal Free Hospital, London NW3. A Memorial Service will be held in the New Year.

HALL - On November 22nd 1988, Marguerite Mary, the widow of John Chadwick Hall formerly of the City of London School. Service to be held at the Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday, December 1st 1988 at 2.30 p.m.

HARRIS - On November 27th, peacefully at his home in Canford Cliffs, Poole, Paul aged 64 years, formerly with the Chartered Bank. Dearly loved husband of Ninna and much loved father of Anne and Christopher. Requiem mass at St. Josephs Church, Branksome on Friday December 2nd at 3.00pm cremation following at Poole. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. RIP.

HAYWARD - On Saturday November 26th, in Bristol, Susan Mary Clucas, aged 39 years. Beloved youngest daughter of John and the late Mary (Peter) Hayward. Funeral Service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, Somerset, on Monday December 5th at 2.30pm (cremation earlier). Family flowers only but donations if desired to Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ.

HOLMAN - On November 25th, peacefully at Tonbridge, Thomas George Hostnby Holman, K.P.M. Dearly loved husband of Mary Alethea, father of John and Anthony and grandfather of Louise, Thomas and Charles. Funeral service at Tonbridge School on Friday, December 2nd at 1.30pm. Family flowers only. All inquires to Ord-Hume, 33a Quarry Hill Rd., Tonbridge. Tel. (0732) 355746.

KINGSTON - On November 22nd 1988 suddenly, Olive Hathaway aged 78 years of Northwood, beloved mother of Richard, Donald, Brian, Valerie, Alan and June. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood on Friday December 2nd at 12.30 pm followed by interment at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. Flowers to: E Spark Ltd. Tel. (09274) 25372

LAWTHER - November 24th 1988, peacefully at St Helens Hospice, Colchester, Jessie Allan Morton, aged 79 years. Dearest mum of John, Michael and Allison, mother-in-law of Andre and gran to Susan, Sarah, Fiona and Helen.

LIPSCOMB - On November 25th, peacefully at the Royal Masonic Hospital, Thea, widow of Commander Frank Lipscomb and dearly loved mother of Alan, Peter and Robert. Funeral on Friday December 2nd at 11.30 am at Saint Martin's Church, East Horsley.

LLEWELLYN - On November 27th 1988, at his home in Glenageary, Co. Dublin, Alun Llewellyn, beloved and deeply loving husband of Lesley. Funeral tomorrow (Wednesday), from Quinns Funeral Home, 28 Glasthule Road, Dun Laoghaire to Glasnevin Crematorium. A grief too great.

MANDEL - On November 25th 1988, Patricia Frances Sara, beloved wife of George and mother of Joshua, of Combe, Oxford. Funeral at 2.00 pm on November 29th at Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford. No flowers, but donations if desired, to Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

MANNING - On November 26th, after a very short illness bravely borne, Air Commodore Frederick John Manning, C.B., C.B.E., aged 75 of Myrtle Cottage, Eynsham, Oxford. Dear husband of Betty, loving father of Anwyl, Elizabeth, Esther and Joanna and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St Leonard's, Eynsham on Friday December 2nd at 12.30. Flowers to Green and Co., Eynsham or donations if preferred to Eynsham Parish Church.

McKENZIE - On November 25th 1988, Marietta Elizabeth (née Morawetz), aged 68, beloved by relatives and friends. Wife of the late Colonel F.E. McKenzie, of London W8. Enquiries to Kenyon's Funeral Directors: 01-937 0767. No flowers, donations to charity.

MCQUADE - On Friday November 25th 1988, suddenly at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, Louis (aged 58 years), Beloved husband of Pat, father of Louis P., Liz, John, Mark, Micky and Katy, father in law of Katie, Melanie, Ian and Penny, and doting grandfather of Lizzie, Jonathan, Tom, Mark, Clare and Fraser, brother to Hugh, Harry, Joe, Helen, Anne, Agnes, and Jean. Loved and sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral on Friday, December 2nd after 10.00 am Requiem Mass from the Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh to Mount Vernon Cemetery arriving there at 11.00 am. Remains to be received to Church on Thursday evening at 6.15pm. Rest in Peace.

MELROSE - On November 27th, peacefully at Winchester Hospital, Cmdr. Walter James Melrose, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., Rtd., aged 87, beloved father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Tichborne on Thursday December 1st at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

MUNRO KERR - On November 23rd, suddenly at home, Cecilia, dearly loved wife of Simon and mother of Stephanie, Claudia and Tabatha. A private funeral will be held at Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire, on Thursday December 1st at 11 am. Flowers to Kilgraston.

OLDMAN - On November 26th 1988, peacefully in Virginia, USA, Col. Sir Hugh Richard Deare Oldman, KBE, MC, Croix de Guerre (Palme), beloved husband of Susan and brother to David. Private funeral in Virginia.

PERKINS - On November 25th 1988, Pamela Audrey (née Stewart), Wife of E.F.J Perkins. A very special person who will be remembered with great affection by the family and all who knew her.

RUSBY - On November 22nd peacefully in hospital, Lloyd Rusby F.R.C.P. of Hampstead NW3. Much loved by his wife Elizabeth, his three sons, and their families. Funeral at the Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead, on Friday December 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only but, if wished, donations may be sent to, The Student's Benevolent Fund, London Hospital Medical College, London E1.

RUTTLE - On November 27th, peacefully after a long illness at the Princess Mary R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Sutcliffe Ruttle M.D., F.R.C.P., D.C.H., beloved husband of Beryl, father of Elizabeth, Caroline and Richard. Private funeral. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Friends of Halton, Princess Mary R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Nr Wendover, Bucks.

RYLE - On November 27th, peacefully, at The Manor House Nursing Home, Merton, Islip, Mary, aged 88. Twin sister of the late Gilbert Ryle, remembered with love by Janet, David, Rachael and Stuart and a wide ranging family.

SABATH - On November 26th after a short illness, Hugo, much loved husband of Gill, father of Martin and Julian. Cremation at Golders Green on Thursday December 1st at 11.20.

SHEEHAN - On November 24th at home, Michael Francis, Surgeon Captain Royal Navy (Rtd.). Darling husband of Sheila and much loved father of Fiona, Nicholas and Griselda and father in law of Geoffrey, Kay and Christopher and devoted Grandpa to his many grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel R.N.H. Haslar, Gosport on Wednesday November 30th at 2pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations in his memory to Wessex Cancer Trust, c/o Churcher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport, Hants.

SHEVDE - On November 22nd, suddenly, Wasant Arthur, beloved husband of Myriel and father of Adam. Funeral Service at Roehampton Vale Crematorium at 12pm on Friday December 2nd. Enquiries to Ashtons, 221 Upper Richmond Road, 01 788 1790.

SHILLINGFORD - On November 25th, Lettice Mary, of Wells, Somerset. Requiem at SS Joseph and Teresa, Chamberlain Street, Wells, Somerset on Friday December 2nd at 12 noon. Further enquiries to G. Holland & Son. Tel: (0458) 42658.

SIMMONDS - On Tuesday November 15th, tragically, Hugh John Simmonds C.B.E., aged 40 years, dear husband of Janet, and loving father of Juliet and Tanya. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 2pm on Thursday December 1st. Flowers to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks, by 10.30 am, or donations to The Treasurer, Lords Taverners, Holmdale, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire.

TAIT - On November 27th, aged 96, Air Vice Marshall Sir Victor Tait KBE, CB. Husband of Nan and father of Struan. Private cremation. No letters or flowers please.

THIAGARAJAH - On November 25th, peacefully in London, Dr. P.R., Obstetrician and Gynaecologist of Shrilanka. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.30pm Thursday December 1st 1988. All enquiries: 01 385 7626.

WALKER - On November 24th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Dr George William Edward (Bill), Deeply mourned by Alice, Anne, Barry, Doreen, Victoria and Alexandra. Service 11am, Wednesday November 30th at South End Crematorium. No flowers, donations if desired to Masters Ward Trust Fund, Westcliff Hospital, Balmoral Road, Westcliff, Essex.

WHEATER - On November 27th 1988, peacefully after a long illness at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Rex aged 66 years of Market Harborough, Leicestershire. Dearest husband of Priscilla loving father of Sara, Amanda, Ashley and Lucinda. Bumper of Simon and Edward and eldest son of Mrs Marjorie Wheater. Funeral service at Market Harborough Parish Church on Friday December 2nd at 11.45am followed by cremation at Kettering. Donations for the Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer fund or flowers to J Stamp & Sons Funeral Directors, Market Harborough LE16 8AN Tel: (0858) 62524.

WHITLEY - On November 26th 1988 at home, Eileen Marjorie (née Evans) aged 78 of Bromeswell, Suffolk. Formerly Reader in Phonetics, School of Oriental and African Studies. Much loved wife of the late Philip, loving mother of Carey and the late Prudence and a devoted grandmother. Loved by all who knew her. Funeral on Wednesday, November 30th at 2pm at Bromeswell Parish Church. No flowers by request. Donations if wished to Ipswich Diabetes Centre, Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich, Suffolk.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** See caption.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave. W1 (01-839 4401) Tube Embankment Opens tomorrow Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm. Sat 8-11pm. Mats Wed 2-5pm and Sat 4-7pm Before Christmas all evening seats £5-£10 and mats £5. After Christmas: eves £5-£13.50 and mats £5-£10.

☆ **ASYLUM:** In Paul Kember's new play Sarah Miles is one of the inmates confronting bulldozers, a video documentary crew and the bewildering world outside.
Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10. (D)

★ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** Jon Strickland as Scrooge in David Holman's adaptation for children and for grown-ups.
The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363).Tube: Waterloo. Previews until Dec 4, opens Dec 5, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat two performances daily at 10.30am. and either 2pm or 7pm, adults £7.50, children and concessions £3.75. (D)

☆ **THE CHURCHILL PLAY:** Colin Welland as Churchill in revival of Brenton's vision of internment-camp England: its famous line — "Don't let the future be like this!"
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, Silk St. EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Sat 2-4.30pm and 7.30-10pm, £5-£10. Until Dec 1, then in repertory. (D)

☆ **GERMINAL:** Miners' strikes and revolution: not Britain but Zola's 19th century France in Pip Broughton's epic production for Pamies Plough.
The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 (01-387 0031). Tube: Euston. Mon-Sat 7.30-11pm, £6. Until Dec 3.

☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Ian McKellen and Jane Asher in excellent Ayckbourn set in a future London serviced by willing robots.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm, mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm. £7.50-£15.



Tom Wilkinson (above) as Dr Stockman in the acclaimed Young Vic production of *An Enemy of the People* which transfers to the Playhouse Theatre from tomorrow (see listing). Ibsen's play, here adapted by Arthur Miller, follows the witch-hunt in a small Norwegian town over a contaminated swimming bath. The director is David Thacker, who was responsible for another fine Ibsen revival at the Young Vic, *Ghosts*, in which Tom Wilkinson starred with Vanessa Redgrave.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: ☆ **Guys and Dolls:** Everyone's favourite musical: the Haymarket's Christmas Show.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 530021), Mon. Tues, Thurs 7.30pm; Wed, Fri and Sat 8pm. Mats Sat and Wed 4pm. £5-£11. Until Jan 28. (D)

MANCHESTER: ★ **Macbeth:** David Threlfall and Frances Barber in powerful death-camp production by Braham Murray.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross St (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, Mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. Mon-Thurs £2.80-£9.50; mats and eve perfs Fri and Sat £4-£10. Banquette seats sold on the day, £2.80, weekends £4. Until Dec 17. (D)

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BAGDAD CAFE (PG):** German director Percy Adlon presents the warm, comic tale of a large middle-class tourist from Bavaria stranded in the American West. With Marianne Sagebrecht, Jack Palance, C. C. H. Pounder (91 min).
Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772).
Progs 3.15, 5.05, 7.10, 9.05.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.00 (not Sat-Tue), 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker as the legendary jazz saxophonist (161 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691).
Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636).
Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366).
Progs 3.30, 7.45.

DREAM DEMON (18): An American girl searching for her roots comes to the aid of a socialite bride who experiences hideous nightmares. Fanciful British horror film; directed by Harley Cokliss, with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (93 min).
Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631).
Progs 2.40, 5.05, 7.35, 10.05.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200).
Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20.

PATHFINDER (15): Visually spectacular Norwegian drama based on the legendary exploits of a young nomad who lures marauding warriors to their death. Directed by Nils Gaup (88 min).
Premiere (01-439 4470).
Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.15, 8.20, 10.15.

SWITCHING CHANNELS (PG): New slapstick version of Hecht and MacArthur's masterly play *The Front Page*, with Burt Reynolds as the TV news editor determined to hold on to his star reporter and ex-wife (Kathleen Turner). Directed by Ted Kotcheff; with Christopher Reeve (105 min)
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111).
Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.



Bright lights, big city

"Big Bang 1986" (above), by Brian Griffin — one of Britain's most talented and witty photographers — forms part of Towards a Bigger Picture Part 2, an exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum which explores contemporary British photography. "Big Bang" is Griffin's apocalyptic vision of the future printed large — 5ft x 4ft — and grandiose in scale, as indeed is much else in this show. Shot in the Broadgate site in London, it marks the beginning of Griffin's two-year document of the development, in which a citadel of glass and concrete gradually replaced the battlefield of shattered pipework and mud where Griffin struggled knee-deep as mortar shells exploded. The metaphor of battle was one that preoccupied Griffin. Other pictures in the Broadgate series show the carpenters, plumbers and welders posed with the dignity of kings and warriors, but here their hand-drills and hacksaws replace the sword and lance. These elegant, enigmatic black-and-white pictures reflect Griffin's fascination with the City and its inhabitants. Griffin has his own contrived style, but others in the exhibition are more mainstream and traditional, such as David Townend and Chris Chapman. More conceptual are Helen Chadwick and Mari Mahr, who within the confines of her studio has created a series called "A Few Days in Geneva". Towards a Bigger Picture Part 2, Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8364), opens tomorrow and continues until January 15. Griffin's pictures appear in *Work*, published by Black Padding Publishing (£35 hardback, £19.50 paperback). *Michael Young*

CONCERTS

☆ **PLUS HUMMEL:** The "Beethoven Plus" series sweeps on with the Britten Quartet performing Hummel's Quartet Op 30 No 1.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 8800), 6.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **WATKINSON/COLS:** Andrew Watkinson conducts the City of London Sinfonia in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (Jack Brymer, soloist) and himself plays the violin in Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£13.50.

☆ **IVES FOREFATHERS:** Charles Ives's *Elegy to Our Forefathers* makes an unexpected start to this CBSO concert conducted by Paul Daniel. It continues with Brahms's Violin Concerto (Joshua Bell, soloist) and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 3.
Town Hall, Imperial Sq, Cheltenham (0242-523690) 7.30pm, £4.20-£10.90.

☆ **ASIAN DREAM:** The Lontano ensemble gives the UK premiere of Daniel Asia's *Dream Sequence I*, the London premiere of Denys Bouliane's *Comme en Silence entr'ouvert* and ends up with Alejandro Vinao's Triple Concerto. Odaline de la Martinez conducts.
St John's, Smith Sq, London, SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **THOMPSON, TENOR:** Accompanied by Roger Vignoles, the tenor Adrian Thompson sings Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin* cycle D 795.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London, W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ **MAINLY NO.1:** Fraser Goulding conducts the London Concert Orchestra in Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite No 1, Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance* March No 1, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 (soloist, Elizabeth Layton), the Prelude to Act I of Bizet's *Carmen*.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London, EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £6.50-£12.50.

☆ **BERG'S BEETHOVEN:** Adding yet another facet to the vast "Beethoven Plus" series, the members of the Alban Berg Quartet bring together Beethoven's Quartets Opp 18 No 5, 59 No 3 and 135.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£10.

☆ **MONTAGUE'S EDGE:** Neil Thomson conducts the Terra Nova ensemble in Montague's *From the White Edge of Fridgia*, Patterson's *At the Still Point of the Turning World*, Roxburgh's Recitative after Blake and Knussen's *Coursing*.
Purcell Room, 8pm, £2.50-£5.50.

JAZZ

STEVE WILLIAMSON: First of two nights from the young Coltrane-influenced saxophonist who popped up recently with the Jazz Warriors.
La Prison, 79 Stoke Newington High St, London N16 (01-923 0775) 9pm, £5 including buffet.

STAN TRACEY: With material including the Genesis suite, the pianist's big band shares top billing with Marian Montgomery.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

ROCK

BARRY WHITE: Grunting, overweight Lothario with his mellifluous Love Unlimited Orchestra.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 6921) 7.30pm, £10-£12.

☆ **STEVE EARLE:** Former New Country star now rocking out purposefully on his album *Copperhead Road*.
Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303) 7.30pm, £7, for two nights.

☆ **HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS:** Cheerful pop R'n'B from the West Coast "Power Of Love" veterans.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £10-£12.50.

★ **THE MISSION:** Gothic rockers pressing on with what seems a surprisingly low-key tour.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606) 7.30pm, £7.

OPERA

☆ **MANON:** Reinvigorated new Massenet production by John Cox with Leontina Vaduva highly praised as a new Cotrubas in her house debut in the title role.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.10.45pm, £2.50-£58.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Simon Callow's new punk-style production for Scottish Opera arrives at Bradford.
Alhambra Theatre, Bradford (0274 7542000), 7.15-10.15pm, £4.50-£16.

☆ **THE MIKADO:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's fast moving, 1920s-style production which insists that this Gilbert and Sullivan is as English as pigtails and lacrosse. Many of the original cast return: John Pryce-Jones conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £2.50-£26.

DANCE

☆ **GOOD MORNING MONSIEUR:** A new work by Daniel Larrieu for London Contemporary Dance Theatre with Taylor's *Arden Court* and pieces by company members.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **SOLDAT:** Ashley Page's Stravinsky ballet for Rambert Dance Company, with Cunningham's *Septet* and Alston's *Rhapsody in Blue*.
Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 232 2061), 7.30pm, £4-£10.50.

GALLERIES

VICTOR PASMORE: Screenprints 1978-1988.
Marlborough Graphics Gallery, 39 Old Bond St, London W1 (01-629 5161). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, free, until Dec 22.

LINDA SUTTON: Recent paintings.
Beaux Arts Gallery, York St, Bath (0225 64850), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Dec 24.

CARICATURES BY KAL: Original works depicting world leaders drawn for *The Economist*.
Chris Beetles, 10 Ryder St, London SW1 (01-839 7551), daily 10am-5.30pm, free, until Dec 10.

CHATIN SARACHI: Post-impressionist paintings and drawings by an Albanian diplomat turned artist.
Pride Gallery, 20 Stratford Road, London W8 (01-938 4374), Mon-Fri 10.30am-7pm, Sat 10.30am-2pm, free, until Dec 31.

WALKS

THE LONDON DICKENS KNEW: meet Blackfriars tube, 11am, £2.50 (0277 213704).

THE CHARM OF CHELSEA: meet Sloane Square tube, 2pm, £2.50 (0277 213704).

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3 (01-504 9159).

OTHER EVENTS

BRITISH MUSEUM FILM: This week's film traces the history of the London Underground from 1864 to 1964.
British Museum Lecture Theatre, British Museum, Gt Russell St, London WC1 (info 01-323 8511). Today until Dec 2. 3.30pm Free.

TOY, TRAIN, AND MODEL COLLECTORS FAIR: For enthusiasts and collectors, old trains, Dinky toys, tinplate toys, model railways, and others.
Northampton Moat House, Silver St, Northampton. 7-10pm.

SALE OF TRIBAL ART AND ANTIQUITIES: First such sale to be held at Bonhams with 130 lots of predominantly African material and some oceanic and Indonesian pieces. Masks, ancestor, and fertility figures and a double dispute cup — used to settle quarrels between husband and wife and, more lethally, to administer poisons — are among the collectors' items.
Bonham's, Montpelier St, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (01-584 9161), 11am.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

STRAUSS/MOZART: Six concerts at South Bank conducted by Sir John Pritchard, featuring Mozart's last four symphonies alongside both popular and less familiar Strauss. Jan 25-Feb 14. General booking opens today.
South Bank Concert Halls, London (01-928 8800).

JANUARY AT THE SOUTH BANK: Programme includes Schubertiade series of Schubert Lieder; Polnička Theatre Company from Czechoslovakia; first London appearance by Tag Theatre from Venice; and London premiere of Trestle Theatre Company's latest show. Also The Mozart Experience weekend, London Festival Ballet in *The Nutcracker*, Royal Ellington concert, and concerts in following series: Sounds in Time, Contemporary Music Network, PLG Young Artists and 20th-century music, Shostakovich Music from the Flames, and Schoenberg The Reluctant Revolutionary.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928-8800). Post and personal bookings from today. Phone from tomorrow.

LAST CHANCE

RICHARD DEACON: Sculpture in the Garden: Large sculpture, "Like a Snail" by winner of 1987 Turner Prize, on display in Gallery grounds.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313, recorded information). Ends today.

150 YEARS OF PRINTMAKING: Exhibition to mark 150th anniversary of printmaking department of the Royal College of Art, London, reflecting development of British art, with works by Graham Sutherland, Henry Moore, Elisabeth Frink, David Hockney. Ends Sat.
Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast. Part of Belfast Festival.

WOMEN TOGETHER: Series of large oil paintings, depicting female form, including single figures, and combinations. Until Fri.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

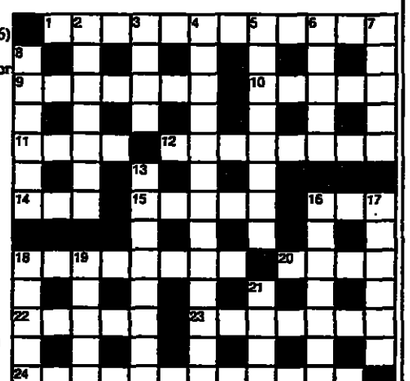
1	(1)	**First Time**	Robin Beck, *Mercury*
2	(–)	**Cat Among the Pigeons**	Bros, *CBS*
3	(3)	**Missing You**	Chris De Burgh, *A & M*
4	(7)	**Left to my Own Devices**	Pet Shop Boys, *Parlophone*
5	(2)	**Need You Tonight**	INXS, *Mercury*
6	(16)	**Two Hearts**	Phil Collins, *Virgin*
7	(–)	**Mistletoe and Wine**	Cliff Richard, *EMI*
8	(12)	**Smooth Criminal**	Michael Jackson, *Epic*
9	(4)	**Twist and Shout**	Salt 'n' Pepa, *London*
10	(19)	**Say a Little Prayer**	Bomb the Bass, *Rhythm King*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(–)	**Now That's What I Call Music 13**	Various, *EMI/Virgin*
2	(1)	**Kylie — The Album**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
3	(2)	**Private Collection**	Cliff Richard, *EMI*
4	(9)	**Premiere Collection**	Various, *Really Useful*
5	(4)	**Money For Nothing**	Dire Straits, *Vertigo*
6	(–)	**Greatest Hits**	Fleetwood Mac, *Warner Brothers*
7	(3)	**Wanted**	Yazz, *Big Life*
8	(6)	**The Ultimate Collection**	Bryan Ferry/Roxy Music, *EG*
9	(15)	**Get Even**	Brother Beyond, *Parlophone*
10	(8)	**Soft Metal**	Various, *Stylus*

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1732



ACROSS
1 Jane Eyre's cousin (2,4,6)
9 Lopping (7)
10 Muslim Indian emperor (5)
11 Repeat (4)
12 Whip-tail fish (8)
14 Beer plant (3)
15 Tiny amount (5)
16 Turf (3)
18 Gradually intrude (8)
20 Hurt (4)
22 Throat flap (5)
23 Wander (7)
24 State prison (12)

DOWN
2 Enhance picture (5,2)
3 Death notice (4)
4 Late afternoon bat (5,8)
5 Impending (8)
6 Keen (5)
7 Tarnish (5)
8 Address (6)
13 Unenlightened (8)
16 Spoken defamation (7)
17 Coy (6)
18 Dress out (5)
19 Large milk container (5)
21 Hector Hugh Munro (4)

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

CALCINATED
(b) Also calcined, reduced to ash or quicklime by burning, refined or purified by fire, from the Latin *calx, calcis* quicklime: "The cumulative but hardly integrated smells of calcinated sausages, overheared bodies and what seemed like a trace of fowlpest."

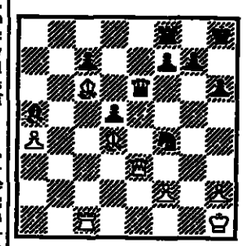
TALAYOT
(b) One of the prehistoric, corbelled, and usually unchambered stone monuments of the Balearic Islands, resembling the *nuraghe* of Sardinia, from Balearic Spanish for the Spanish *atalaya* an outlook, from the Arabic *al talai* the vanguard.

HABERDINE
(c) Dried salt cod, probably from the Old Dutch *abberdaen* also *labberdaen*, probably from Le Labourd or Lapardun, the old names for Bayonne, the Basques having been (so it is said) the first to engage systematically in cod-fishery.

CADUAC
(a) Also cadouk, a casualty or windfall, from the Latin *caducus* falling or dropping: "His Majesty was liberal and bountiful in bestowing upon them caduacs and casualties."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Tarrasch (White) and Capablanca (White) played in St Petersburg 1914. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Re8

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. 01-928 8800 Tomorrow at 7.45 pm. **LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY.** Jane Glover, Elizabeth Lawrence, Edward Gregson (b. 1945) Mendelssohn Symphony No 2 Op 35: Lieder: Brahms Alto Rhapsody: Nänie.

EVENTS

LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR, Royal Academy, Piccadilly, W1. 2-5 Dec. Daily 11-6pm (Mon 9am) Adm. £4 incl. cat. 01-439 1251.

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APOLLO VICTORIA Shaftsbury Ave. Box Office & CC. 01-437 2663. Agents CC (no big fee) 01-741 9999 / 379 4444 & CC (with big fee) 240 7200 Previews from 6 Dec. Eves 8.0, Sats 4.30 & 8.00. Prest Nights 12 Dec 7pm **FRANCESCA ANNIS GILLIAN BARGE ROB WADDINGHAM** NATIONAL THEATRE production of **MRS KLEIN** by NICHOLAS WRIGHT Directed by PETER GILL **"A SCINTILLATING DRAMA"** D.Mail **"RESULTS INTELLIGENT"** Guardian

APOLLO VICTORIA 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Proves 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45. Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 **FIFTH HIT YEARS STARLIGHT EXPRESS** Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN **SOME SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK. OAP's £8 on Tues mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '89**

ARTS S 836 2132; CC 379 4444 24 hrs. 7 days (no big fee) Hull Truck in John Godber's **TEECHERS** **"TALES OUT OF SCHOOL"** Gdn "class warfare, teacher-baiting, sex and the shortcomings of the state system.....MARVELLOUSLY FUNNY" Times **TEECHERS** "Where the pupils get through teachers at approximately the same rate as cups of coffee" TES Mon-Thur 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9 Stud., UB40's, Snr.Citz £1.50 off 1 hr before perf.

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-9pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** TON'T 7.30. TOMOR 7.00 Low prices all perfs £8-£10! **THE CHURCHILL PLAY** by Howard Brenton **THE PIT** Ton't 7.00 Tomor 7.30 **A QUESTION OF GRAMMARY** by John Berger & Nella Bielski

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BOULEVARD Walkers Court W1 off Peter St. 01-434-1238 **LAUGHING WILD** by Christopher Durang Nov 8-Dec 3 Mon-Sat 7.45 Thurs & Sat 2.30 **WICKED LIPS** Fri-Sat 10.45pm £7

CAMBRIDGE 379 6299 cc no big fee 741 9999/24hr big fee 240 7200/379 4444 Groups 930 6123 **ADAM FAITH ANITA DOBSON BUDGIE** The Musical **"A FIVE MINUTE OVATION AND A CHORUS OF CHEERS"** Sun Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 **HALF PRICE SEAT TOMORROW!!**

COMEDY THEATRE Panton St. SW1 01-930 2578 **ALEC GUINNESS** "Masterly" F.T. **EDWARD HERRMANN** "Fascinating" Standard in **A WALK IN THE WOODS** by LEE BLESSING **"Political, witty, & humane"** Gdn **"Ronald Eyre's elegant production"** Gdn Evgs. Tues-Sat 8.00 Mats Wed at 3.00 Sats at 4.00 cc First Call 7 day 24-hr 240 7200 (Big Fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Big Fee) CCTB 01-741 9999 (Big Fee)

CRITERION S 857 1117 CC 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113. Eves 8. Thu mat 2.30. Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 **"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST"** Daily Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company **TERRY SCOTT COLIN BAKER BILL PERTWEE HELEN JACQUELINE CLARKE GILL SAM COX DAVID MASTERMAN NICHOLAS BAILEY RUN FOR YOUR WIFE!** **LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY** Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2400 non-stopping perfs **"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE"** S. Ex

DOMINION 01) 580 9562 CC 24 hr (no big fee) 01 379 4444/741 9999 **JIM DAVIDSON** in LONDON'S ALLSTAR PANTOMIME **CINDERELLA** with SHERRIE HEWSON GEORGE SEWELL Opens Dec 17th for 5 wks.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 867 1111 379 4444 **CHEEK BY JOWL** in PHILOCTETES by Sophocles. Eves 7.30. Thur Mat 2.30. Sat Mat 4.00. Next Week **THE TEMPEST.** ENDS JAN 7.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no big fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no big fee). **David Merrick's 42ND STREET** **WINNER OF THREE MAJOR "BEST MUSICAL" AWARDS 1984** Eves 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Wed. Stalls & Circle Monday. Group Sales 01 930 6123 **BOOK NOW FINAL GLITTERING MONTHS MUST END JAN 89**

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444. Grps 836 5123 **TOM STOPPARD'S ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE** Red Price Prevs & Tomor Opens Dec 7 at 7 **TONIGHT ALL SEATS £8** Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30

FORTUNE 836 2238 CC 741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Eves 8.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 **SOLD OUT UNTIL CHRISTMAS, SEATS AVAILABLE FROM JAN 9 TO FEB 18. MADREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE!** Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL with Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan

FORTUNE THEATRE 01 836 0262 Pied Piper Theatre Company in THE ENCHANTED TOYSHOP Christmas Show runs at 3-5 yr olds All tickets £5,

GARRICK 01 379 6107 cc 01 240 7200 **MARIA AITKEN RUPERT EVERETT** NOEL COWARD'S **THE VORTEX** Prevs 19 Jan Opens 26 Jan

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days 741 9999/379 4444 open all hours (no bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 Mon to Fri 8pm Mat Tues 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm **NOEL COWARD'S COMEDY EASY VIRTUE** "...a triumph" D.Mail "Not to be missed" S.Tel "Hilarious" S.Exp MUST END JANUARY 7

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3pm **GERALDINE McEWAN SARA KESTELMAN** in **LETTICE AND LOVAGE** By PETER SHAFFER with MOGGY WATSON Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE **BEST COMEDY '88** E.Std Award

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) From Friday. Evgs 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 (Dec 5 at 7.0) **THE WOMAN IN WHITE** by Melissa Murray based on the novel by Wilkie Collins.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-930 9832 cc 1st Call 24hr 7 day 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee) & Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) **VANESSA REDGRAVE in ORPHEUS DESCENDING** by Tennessee Williams Directed by Peter Hall Prevs from 7 Dec. Opens 13 Dec.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 First Call 24 hour 7 day cc bkg on 01 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) **REX HARRISON EDWARD FOX** "Rules the Roost" S. Express "Splendid" Mail on Sunday "Excellent" Obs D Exp. In J.M. BARRIE'S **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON** Evgs 8.00, Mats Wed & Sats 3.00 **FINAL WEEKS!**

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL CORMICK Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 **Now booking period (Postal applications only) June-Sept '89 Queue daily for returns**

LILIAN BAYLIS THEATRE SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24hr 7 days 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) **Direct from THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT** by Jean Giraudoux. Eves 7.45, Mats Thur 2pm, Sat 3pm

LONDON PALLADIUM From 21 December **ALLO ALLO** with the TV Stars **"IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS"** Daily Express. Box Office & CC 01-437 7373 Agents CC with Bkg Fee. First call 24hr/7 day 01 240 7200 & CC no Bkg Fee CCTB 01-741 9999/ Open All Hours 01-379 4444 Group Sales 01-930 6123

LYRIC 01 437 3686 01 434 1550 cc 01 434 1080/734 5166/741 9999 24 hr cc 379 4444/836 3464 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 **BRIAN RIX** "Master Farceur" D Mail "Returns in his SMASH HIT" Time **DRY ROT** **"A FARCE TO BE RECKONED WITH"** D Mail **"A Cracking Evening Out"** D Mir Eves 8 Mats Thur 2 Sat 8 **LAST 6 WEEKS**

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 Eves 7.45pm Mats Wed 2.30pm. Sat 4pm. **AYSLUM** by Paul Kember. Cast includes Sarah Miles. **STUDIO:** Eves 8pm Prev. Now ATC present **THE ILLUSION** (2 Dec 7pm).

MAYFAIR 629 3037 cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Mon-Thurs 2.00 & 4.00 Wed & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 **SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW.**

MERMAID 01 236 5568 cc 01 741 9999 Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 24 hrs **ROY MARSDEN, JANE GURNAGA** in Vanbrugh's Comedy **THE RELAPSE** Prevs 6 Dec Opens 8 Dec Eves 7.30 Mats Thur 2.30 & Sat 4

NATIONAL THEATRE SE1 Box Office & CC 01 928 2252 Gps 01 620 0741 Agencies, bkg fee 240 7200/741 9999 **NATIONAL THEATRE** OLIVIER Tom't 7.15 **BARTHOLOMEW FAIR** by Ben Jonson. **ABSA AWARD.** Foyers closed 10.00am to 3.00pm. LYTTELTON Tom't & Tomor 7.45 (previews) **SINGLE SPIES** two new plays

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Blondes and Redheads in *Walking Back Home* (b/w). **6.55** Weather **7.00** Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television programmes **9.20** Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject **10.00** News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with Playbus **10.50** The Bunyip **10.55** Five to Eleven. Zia Mohyeddin with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. A discussion on compiling the television news. With the director of BBC News and Current Affairs, Ron Neil, and his opposite number at ITN, David Nicholas. The programme also includes live visits to both newsrooms to see how the lunchtime bulletins are being put together **12.00** News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Today's guests include Derek Jameson **12.55** Regional news and weather **1.00** One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Scott's style is being cramped by living under Madge's roof. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz **2.15** Film: Rhythm Serenade (1943, b/w) starring Vera Lynn, Jimmy Jewel and Ben Warriss. Sentimental tale of a teacher trying to set up a school for the children of munitions workers. Directed by Gordon Wellesley **3.40** Cartoons **3.50** PC Pinkerton **4.00** Fireman Sam **4.05** Ratman with Lorraine Chase **4.20** Simon and the Witch. Episode six of the 12-part comedy serial **4.35** Knowhow. **5.00** Newsround **5.10** Grange Hill. Episode 17 of the 20-part serial (r). (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton **6.30** London Plus and weather **7.00** Telly Addicts. This second semifinal is between the Blakemores of Bolton and the Thomas family from Cardiff. **7.30** EastEnders. Kathy invites Michelle and Sharon around for the evening. (Ceefax) **8.00** Fawlty Towers. Basil has his patience tried by an American guest and his wife who arrive late and demand dinner (r). **8.30** A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Mike Gatting, Yvonne Murray, Mark Todd and Peter Reid. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather **9.30** South of the Border. Pearl and Finn help an old school chum whose wedding is threatened by a missing gold pendant. (Ceefax) **10.20** Film 88. Among the films reviewed by Barry Norman are *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* and *The Bedroom Window* **10.50** For What We Are About to Receive. . . In a live link-up with Germany Mavis Nicholson affords viewers the chance to question television professionals in that country on the subject of satellite television **11.20** Q.E.D: Suzi's Story. A documentary about the final months of Suzi, a Melbourne wife and mother who contracted Aids before she was married (r). (Ceefax) **12.10am** Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30** Daytime on Two: teaching modern languages **10.00** Austrian radio **10.15** *Badger Girl* **10.40** Weather forecasting **11.00** Dressing up **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Tracing an area's history **12.00** Aboriginal religion **12.20** Relationships **12.40** Pupils' third year options **1.00** German for beginners **1.25** King Rollo (r). **1.30** Animal Fair (r). **1.40** Home Ground. The environment (r). **2.00** News and weather followed by You and Me (r). **2.15** See Heart (r). **2.40** Under Sail. Brixham sailing trawler, the Lorne Leader (r). **3.00** News and weather followed by The World About Us. Canadian Cree Indians of James Bay Territory (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather **4.00** Catchword **4.30** The Bike Brothers. Bike makers Jack, Ken and Norman Taylor (r). **5.00** Advice Shop presented by Hugh Scully and Helen Madden **5.30** Gardeners' World from Glyndebourne (r). **6.00** Film: Apache (1954) starring Burt Lancaster and Jean Peters. Western adventure about an Apache warrior waging a one-man war against the US Cavalry. Directed by Robert Aldrich **7.25** The Rock and Roll Years. 1974 — the year of two general elections (r). **7.55** Prisoners of Conscience. Lord Callaghan on Russian factory worker Mikhail Kukobaka **8.00** The Train Now Departing. The Waterloo to Exmouth line **8.30** Food and Drink includes mince recipes from around the world **9.00** Now Something Else (r). **9.30** The Mind Machine. Part 10 examines depression **10.20** Building Sights. Buildings by Charles Rennie Mackintosh **10.30** Newsnight **11.15** Weather **11.20** Prisoners of Conscience. See 7.55 **11.25** Film: I Walked with a Zombie (1943, b/w) starring Tom Conway. Thriller about a nurse hired by a West Indian plantation owner to look after his voodoo-struck wife. Directed by Jacques Tourneur. Ends at **12.35am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Lorraine Kelly and Richard Keys; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathryn Holloway; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and After Nine which includes an item on children's party clothes **9.25** Lucky Ladders. Word association game. The questionmaster is Lennie Bennett **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion **10.40** This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** **12.10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets **12.30** A Country Practice. **1.00** News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news and weather **1.30** Film: Who Goes There? (1952. b/w) starring Valerie Hobson and Nigel Patrick. Comedy set in London about a rake wooing an Irish maid. Directed by Anthony Kimmins. **3.00** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades presented by Michael Parkinson. This afternoon Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Christopher Biggins, Tim Flavin, Maureen Lipman, Millicent Martin, Julia McKenzie and Dave Lee Travis **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital **4.00** Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10** The Rattles **4.20** The Sooty Show with Matthew Corbett and Jeanette Charles **4.45** Count Duckula with the voice of David Jason **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news and weather **6.25** Help with news of the Crysis organization for parents of babies who don't sleep **6.30** Prove It. Chris Tarrant meets another selection of people with something to prove **7.00** Strike It Lucky. Game show introduced by Michael Barrymore **7.30** On the Big Hill. The third of six films about the British Services Everest Expedition 1988 **8.00** The Bill. Sun Hill police officers investigate a spate of burglaries on elderly people's homes. (Oracle) **8.30** Executive Stress. Comedy series starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles as a married couple working for the same company **9.00** Boon. Comedy drama series starring Michael Elphick and Amanda Burton. Ken and Margaret investigate a case of sabotage at a fast-food restaurant **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30** Thames news and weather **10.35** Viewpoint 88: A Nuclear Living. (see Choice) **11.35** Ice Skating. The Skate Electric British Figure Skating championships, from the NEC, Birmingham, introduced by Allison Holloway **12.30am** Love Me Love Me Not. Game show illustrating how little men and women know about the opposite sex **1.00** Donahue. A discussion about women who stay with men who have committed a sexual crime **2.00** News headlines followed by Film: La Règle du Jeu (1939, b/w) starring Marcel Dalio. A black comedy about the guests and staff at a weekend house party in the country. Directed by Jean Renoir. English subtitles **4.00** News headlines followed by Superstars of Wrestling **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools. **12.00** The Parliament Programme **12.30** Business Daily. **1.00** Jobsearch. Interviewing techniques (r). (Oracle) **1.30** Be Your Own Boss. Setting up a business (r). (Oracle) **2.00** Film: The Astonished Heart (1949, b/w) starring Noël Coward. Drama about a happily married, successful psychiatrist who has an affair that ends in tragedy. Directed by Terence Fisher and Antony Darnborough **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show. Two members of the Ku Klux Klan and their lawyer who is black argue their right to operate a television cable station to promulgate their views **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game **5.00** American Football. The featured game is the Cleveland Browns at the Washington Redskins **6.00** The Cosby Show. **6.30** The Secret Life of the Sewing Machine. The third of Tim Hunkin's six-part series on everyday domestic machines **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen **7.50** Comment followed by Weather **8.00** The Divided Kingdom. Julian Critchley explores the institutions that have held the United Kingdom together. (Oracle) **8.30** Moneyspinner. Personal financial advice series **9.00** Bandung File. A new series begins with an analysis on the Pakistan elections; and a report on the "death by misadventure" a year ago of a man in a Wolverhampton shopping centre. **10.00** Eurocops: The Beast of Bisamberg. A thriller from Austria about a ruthless policemen's pursuit of a murdering rapist. English subtitles **11.05** Scoff. Off-beat cookery series **11.35** American Football. See 5.00 **12.35am** Badminton. The Carlsberg Classic from Preston **1.35** Film: Change Partners (1967, b/w) starring Kenneth Cope. Thriller about a man having an affair with his partner's wife. Directed by Robert Lynn. Ends at **2.50.**

At the core of daily life

TELEVISION CHOICE



Charles Stewart, one half of the team that spent four months filming in a 20-year-old nuclear power station (ITV, 10.35pm)

● For all the technical expertise involved, fly-on-the-wall television documentaries are largely a matter of luck, of being in the right place at the right time. Central Television's Charles Stewart and Malcolm Hirst must have felt that the fates were with them when they became the first film crew to be allowed into the heart of a nuclear reactor. Their four months at Oldbury on the River Severn could have gone by with barely a ripple. Instead they happened to be there when a boiler bolt snapped off inside one of the station's two reactors, demanding speedy repair work by engineers to prevent the fuel element overheating. Big close-ups of worried men in shirtsleeves emphasize the drama. Stewart and Hirst were also able to eavesdrop on a human story — the departure of the station manager and a disappointed candidate for the vacant job. The two incidents form the core of Viewpoint '88: A Nuclear Living (ITV, 10.35pm), though there is much else besides, not least the endemic concern over waste and safety and the looming prospect of privatization. But what seems to exercise the minds of the station management almost more than anything else is how to deal with the press. "We had a TV reporter in the car park within 40 minutes!" exclaims one harassed manager, as if the station had suddenly been invaded by creatures from outer space. My only complaint about the film is that as one of the scientifically ignorant, I could have done with more background explanation. Despite the helpful provision of computer graphics, when it came to the technicalities I was soon floundering.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

VHF Stereo — in London (104.8), the Midlands (98.4), the North (98.8), South Wales, Avon and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2) and Central Scotland (98.6) and MW (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am** **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat with Lesley Curwen **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The House Of Wax **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo and MW (medium wave)
News on the hour **4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Bob Holness **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Race presents The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** Seven Deadly Singsongs **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** The Name's The Game **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **7.30** Europe's World **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Tech Talk **8.30** Megamix **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** C P E Bach **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports International **1.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours: followed by Financial News **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** C P E Bach **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Reute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Business Matters **9.30** Megamix **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Sportsworld Extra **11.15** From Britain's Music Festivals **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** How it All Began **1.45** Country Style **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Tech Talk **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgermagazin **5.45** 648 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines **7.00** Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Overture to The Wasps: LSO under André Previn); Mozart (Masonic Funeral Music, K 477: Columbia SO under Bruno Walter); Françaix (Divertissement for bassoon and 11 strings: Melos Ensemble of London) **7.30** News **7.35** Morning Concert (contd): Reger (Ballet Suite, Op 130: Bavarian RSO under Colin Davis); Handel (Concerto Grosso in G minor Op 6 No 6: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Rimsky-Korsakov (Spanish Capriccio Op 34: Cleveland Orchestra under Lorin Maazel) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Balakirev and Cui. Cui's Three Pushkin settings (Le désir, Op 57; Conjuration Op 55 No 6; and Chasnon de Mary Op 55 No 7): Serge Zapolsky (piano) and Boris Christoff (bass). Balakirev's Symphny No 1 in C: Philharmonia under Herbert von Karajan (1950 mono recording) **9.35** Monteverdi: Sacred and Profane: Duets — Chiome d'oro and O come sei gentile: Consort of Musicke with Emma Kirkby (soprano) and Evelyn Tubb (soprano): Adoramus te, Christe: Les Arts Florissants; Se pur destina: Consort of Musicke with Emma Kirkby; Gloria (a 7 voci): Les Arts Florissants; Duet: Ohmè dov'è il mio ben: Consort of Musicke with Emma Kirkby and Evelyn Tubb; Beatus vir: Les Arts Florissants **10.25** Violin and Piano: Ruth Waterman (violin) with Allan Schiller (piano) play Schubert's Sonata in A minor (D 385); and Dvorak's Sonata in F, Op 57 (r) **11.15** Midday Concert: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under George Hurst with Jane Manning (soprano) perform Britten's Four Sea Interludes; Hugh Wood's Laurie Lee Songs (first performance); and Beethoven's Symphony No 3 in E flat (Eroica) **1.00** News **1.05** Glasgow Lunchtime Recital: Live from the Scottish Symphony Orchestral Centre. Franz Schubert Quartet play Beethoven's String Quartet in F Op 18 No 1; and Gottfried von Einem's Quartet No 4 Op 63 **2.00** John Field's Russia: Jane Bevan presents the Irish composer's impressions of early 19th-century Russia and the music of his contemporaries. With the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra under Evgeny Mravinsky, Lvika Kapella Choir of Leningrad directed by Vladislav Chernushenko, Melvyn Tan (fortepiano), Frances Kelly (harp), Dinah Harris (soprano), and Alan Cuckston (fortepiano) **4.05** Mozart: Clarinet Quintet in A (K581): Salomon Quartet with Alan Hacker (clarinet) **4.45** A Child's Garden of Verses: Ronald Stevenson's setting of poems from the volume by Robert Louis Stevenson performed by Neil Mackie (tenor), Ronald Stevenson (piano), Susan Hamilton (soprano) and Richard Townhill (treble) **5.30** Mainly for Pleasure. With Nathalie Wheen **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear: David Benedictus talks to Anne Devlin, author of *Naming the Names*, a short story which was adapted into a prizewinning television film, about her adaptation of D H Lawrence's *The Rainbow*, which starts on BBC1 next week **7.30** Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra: Live from St David's Hall, Cardiff. Vladimir Fedoseyev conducts Khachaturian's Suite from Masquerade: Borodin's Symphony No 2 in B minor; Tchaikovsky's Suite from The Sleeping Beauty; and Schaben's Poem of Ecstasy Op 54. Includes **8.20** A Sympathetic Person David Brown presents the unusual correspondence between Tchaikovsky and Leonty Tkachenko. With Edward Petherbridge as the composer **9.30** Drama Now: The Distinguished Thing by Nigel Gearing. An art lecturer turns to psycho-analysis in an attempt to to understand why his girlfriend killed herself. With Roger Allam, Diana Quick and Suzanna Hamilton (see Choice) **10.45** Rameau: Pièces de clavecin en concerts and Suite No 5: Meister des Barock (r) **11.00** Composers of the Week: Berlioz. (de Lisle, arr Berlioz) Hymne des Marseillais; La Captive, Op 12; Overture to Rob Roy; Le Ballet des ombres; and Cleopâtre (r) **12.00** News **12.05** Closedown

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LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF** **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.57** Weather **9.00** News **9.05** I Want To Be Normal Again: Barbara Myers follows two Parkinson's Disease sufferers as they prepare to undergo a controversial operation first performed in March this year by Professor Edward Hitchcock, a foetal brain implant. And at **9.50** Geoff Watts chairs a phone-in on the moral and ethical issues involved. Studio guests are Dr Raanan Gillon, editor of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, and a former neurosurgeon, Sam Galbraith MP **10.30** Morning Story: The Decoy by Michael A Pearson. Read by Timothy Kightley **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Citizens **11.25** From Our Own Correspondent **11.50** The Enchanted Canopy: First of four programmes in which Andrew Mitchell explores the remote world of the rainforest (r) **12.00** News; You And Yours **12.25** Film Star: Alexander Walker's eight part series continues with a profile of Laurence Olivier (see Choice) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on Aids in the heterosexual community; a discussion on muesli belt malnutrition; and an item on mentoring, a new management technique **3.00** News; The Image of Her Mother: Play by Harriet O'Carroll. With Isobel Mahon, Margaret D'Arcy and Rosaleen Linehan (s) **3.32** Comparing Notes: Richard Baker talks to Lt Col Sir Vivian Dunn and Wing Commander Eric Banks about the public role of military bands (s) **4.00** News **4.05** Turning Points: Bel Mooney talks to Margaret Jay, director of the National Aids Trust **4.30** Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan reports on the latest cinematic blockbuster, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, a combination of animation and acting **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** Second Thoughts: A comedy by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie, with James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (5 of 8) (s) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** File on 4: Helen Boaden reports on the effect on the poor of the Government's policy of targeting welfare benefits. Will it create an poverty trap? **8.00** The New Professionals (new series): David Walker meets some of the people who are bringing Mrs Thatcher's entrepreneurial spirit into education, housing and the civil service (1 of 3) Enterprising Professors (r) **8.45** The 1988 Reith Lectures: The Rediscovery of Politics. Fourth of six talks on authority, culture and community in the Soviet Union given by Geoffrey Hosking, Professor of Russian History **9.15** In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Director Clifford Williams talks about *Richard II* at the Phoenix Theatre; Howard Raybould conducts a guided tour of his woodcuts exhibition at the Thumb Gallery; plus a review of *Veronico Cruz*, a film about the sinking of the Belgrano; and a feature on the new supergroup the Traveling Wilburys **10.15** A Book At Bedtime: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning by Alan Sillitoe (2 of 12) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as LW except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Lost and Found **2.25** Mainstream GCSE **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Drama Resources(11-13)

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VARIATIONS

News **12.30am** Prisoner: Cell Block H **1.30** Film: That's Your Funeral **3.00** Trans World Sport **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **9.30** Week In Week Out **10.00-10.50** South of the Border **12.10am** Film 88 **12.40-12.45** News and weather **SCOTLAND:** **10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.20** Heart of the Matter **11.55-12.00** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND:** **5.35** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND:** **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Passport to Treason **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **12.30am** Film: Burning Rubber **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Throb **3.00** Quiz Night **3.30** Outsiders **4.30-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Mary **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Swing Fever **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.00-5.30** Lookaround **12.30am** Film: The Bait **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Three's Company **3.00** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.35pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Bounty Hunter **6.00-6.30** News **12.30am** Film: Taste of Evil **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Space **3.30** Vietnam **3.55** New Squadronaires **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Wedding of Lili Marlene" **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **12.30am** Donahue **1.25** Film: Rawhide" **3.25** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Cover Story.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Grampian news **1.30** Country Practice **2.30-3.00** Jack Thompson Down Under **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **12.30am** Film: The Bait **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Three's Company **3.00** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: Operation Bullshine" **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **12.30am** Film: The Bait **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Three's Company **3.00** Night Beat **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** Survival **2.00** Country Practice **3.00-3.30** Hazard a Guess **6.00-6.30** News **12.30am** Prisoner: Cell Block H **1.30** Film: That's Your Funeral **3.00** Trans World Sport **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**3.00-3.25pm** Bless This House **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Scotland Today **1.30** Country Practice **2.30-3.00** Mary **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30** Strike It Lucky **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **8.00-10.00** Scottish Assembly Special **12.30am** Ice Hockey **3.00** Rockin' in the UK **4.05-5.00** About Britain.

TSW As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** Jack Thompson Down Under **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.27-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Today **12.30am** Film: The Bait **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Three's Company **3.00** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Farming News.

TVS As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Wedding of Lili Marlene" **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.20-6.30** Police 5 **12.35am** Donahue **1.25** Film: Rawhide" **3.05** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Cover Story.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Snort Story Theatre **1.20** News **1.30** Nexus **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **12.30am** Film: The Bait **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Three's Company **3.00** Night Beat **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Sons and Daughters **1.20** Newstime **1.30-3.00** Film: Season of Passion **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **12.30am** Film: The Bait **2.00** America's Top Ten **2.30** Three's Company **3.00** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** LSS **2.00-3.00** Highway to Heaven **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Calendar **12.30am** Film: Western Passion **2.00** Forum Presents **3.00** Three's Company **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Ffalabalam **1.00** Open College **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Scarecrow and Mrs King **3.30** Hollywood **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** American Football **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** Dawn **7.30** Awyr Iach **8.00** Ffair Gerdd **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Sant Gwyngnarn **9.35** Arwyddion Ffyrdd **10.05** Hot Metal **10.35** St Elsewhere **11.25** American Football **12.30am** Badminton **1.35** Mysteries of Edgar Wallace" **2.50** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:**2.35pm** Art in Italy **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** The Defenders **5.30** Country Practice **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Rapid Roulette **7.30** The Pure Drop **8.00** John Player Tip Tops **8.30** Check Up **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Darkness Visible **11.15** Rude Health **11.45** Late News **11.50** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** SuperTed **3.15** Paw Paws **3.40** Fraggle Rock **4.00** How do You Do? **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.40** Wait Till Your Father Gets Home **5.25** Eureka **6.00** Joe-Max **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nauchi agus Cursai **7.30** Glenroe **8.00** Dear Detective **9.00** Cheers **9.30** Bronx Zoo **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nightawks **11.35** Closedown.

RADIO CHOICE



Laurence Olivier, star of The Entertainer (R4, 12.25pm)

● Alexander Walker, presenting the fifth of eight Film Star portraits, is up against an unusual problem today (Radio 4, 12.25pm). All his previous subjects have been products of the cinema. Now comes the outstanding exception: Laurence Olivier, giant of the theatre, but only sporadically Goliath of the movies. How to evaluate the one without undervaluing the other? If you happen to be Walker, you do it in daredevil fashion by practically ignoring the giant. So skilfully does he detach Olivier the film star from Olivier the stage star that the only time the two remain linked is when *The Entertainer* on film is mentioned in the same breath as *The Entertainer* at the Royal Court. Olivier presents Walker with another problem. The versatility of this actor rules out the possibility of Walker's painting a single portrait. He gets over this one by opting for a whole gallery of portraits in which the most we can hope to find is a family likeness.

● By coincidence, painting as a metaphor is also the stuff of Nigel Gearing's The Distinguished Thing (Radio 3, 9.30pm) in which a lecturer with a blinkered view of art and women is offered new visions of both, thanks to his girlfriend's suicide.

Peter Davalle

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Hurricane's legacy of ecological disaster



This startling aerial view of Corn Island, off Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, illustrates the ecological disaster that has hit one of the world's few remaining tropical rain forests. The extent of the devastation in the aftermath of Hurricane Joan, which struck the country on October 22, is only now beginning to emerge (David Gollob writes).

In a nationally broadcast speech earlier this month, President Ortega estimated that the hurricane had caused £450 million damage, most of it to housing, roads and economic infrastructure. Damage to natural resources had not been included, partly as a result of delays in obtaining information from the remote region most seriously affected.

A preliminary calculation of ecological destruction from information now available would double the total estimate of damage.

An area of more than 3,600 square miles of virgin tropical forest, roughly the size of Yorkshire, was flattened, and 3,000 square miles of coastal waters were turned into a marine cemetery by the hurricane's 170 mph winds.

Señor Francisco Delgadillo, the head of the forestry division at Nicaragua's Institute of National Resources and the Environment said more than a million cubic metres of wood, with a commercial value in excess of $700 million, will rot on the ground unless a huge salvage operation is mounted before the next rainy season.

Senor Delgadillo said: "It would take us 60 years to process it all." Giant hardwood trees such as mahogany were uprooted and hurled through the air. They now lie one on top of another covering the top soil, preventing new growth and turning the forest into a wasteland inhabited only by mosquitos and termites for generations to come.

Much wildlife, including jaguars, macaws and other exotic endangered species, perished in the storm, forestry officials said.

Political sketch

Up the junction at question time

Our column noticed after the Summer Recess that one could tell where Members had been for their hols by their questions to the Foreign Secretary. The theory can be enlarged. Transport questions yesterday gave us a vignette of Members' weekend driving-conditions. Clearly the roads to Northampton were playing up.

Tony Marlow (Northampton North) was little short of apoplectic about the delays – on behalf of the nation's motorists *in general*, you understand.

"Could we look forward", asked Bedfordshire's David Madel, "to a period when there were no roadworks on the M1?" Oh yes, we could *look forward* to such, said Peter Bottomley, in the mystic tone of one who describes the Second Coming. Thereafter the session degenerated into trading stories about crashes on the M1/M6 interchange and delays on the A666, in the manner that drives one screaming from the worst sort of bar.

Frank Haynes's roar "Is the Secretary of State aware that I'm a cyclist?" was pure melody by comparison.

Questions to the Church Commissioner came as a relief. Members who had never heard of the Mappa Mundi before Friday could now think of little else. To hear Tories sighing for government subsidy is rare, but agriculture and heritage are your best bets. Bankrupt cathedrals and barren heffers.

David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hil) asked, in silence, about help for inner-city churches. But Hereford Cathedral – ah *there* was deprivation. Funds must be found. Every cathedral, one mused, should be provided with a national treasure that it can threaten to sell whenever a fund-raising campaign needs a jolly good kick-start.

Nicholas Ridley and John Cunningham, who oppose each other on the environment, wandered in for a Green Hour or seven. Mr Cunningham has the saturnine good looks of a swarthy praying mantis and the adenoidal menace of a slightly sadistic junior geography master. He speaks as though twisting a small boy's ear as he hammers home the admonition. "Our *countryside" (twist)* "cannot *afford"* (twist) "to *take"* (twist) "That *sort* of *risk!"* Ouch!

Michael Heseltine interrupted here and there. Mr Ridley, speech already adequately doodled, no doubt, on to the back of his cigarette packet, craned forward with a sort of measured irritability, like a stick-insect with acid indigestion. He and Mr Cunningham lunged gracefully at each other: an eerie waltz, much as I have imagined the mating-dance of daddy-long-legs . . . and your sketchwriter's mind began to wander back to the weekend.

A weekend pondering the implications of John Moore's recent announcement that the older you get, the bigger your weekly pension will grow. Well! What sort of a signal does *that* send to old folk? "*Must* you go? Oh do stay! Tarry a while, and there's extra cash waiting!" Clock up the retirement age and you just get the basic pension. But reach 75 and the social security fruit-machine, flashing its lights, ringing bells and scattering leaflets from Mr Moore, pays a bonus. Play on, senior citizens! Pass "Go" again, at 80, and collect still more.

Where will it end? Is this not a clear inducement to stagger on when we can no longer pay our way, no longer provide a financial input into Mrs Thatcher's dynamic new economic order – to become a charge upon the State, a burden on the NHS, an embarrassment to thrusting yuppie relatives? What eccentric targeting! Really one does wonder whether the Government has thought this one through.

Better, surely, to offer the Big Payout immediately after retirement – a beacon, beckoning us up that last uphill slog of productive life. Thereafter the pension should be tapered downwards, fizzling out to zero at the age of 100 when all prospect of gainful employment is gone. Finally, Bernard Ingham could tell the Queen to send, not telegrams of congratulation to these wrinkled dependency-addicts, but Royal Reminders that it is time to do the responsible thing and take an early bath. Surely that is what Mr Hurd's Active Citizenship is all about.

Matthew Parris

CFCs creating global crisis as climate starts to change

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of the ozone layer particularly caused by atmospheric nuclear weapons testing between 1960 and 1965.

Detecting man-made changes from natural ones had come from an improvement in the methods of analysing records after 1968.

The main culprits eating into the ozone layer are the CFCs used in refrigerators, air-conditioning units, fire-fighting equipment, plastic foam manufacture and to a diminishing extent in Europe and the United States, as aerosol propellants.

The discovery of the ozone hole in 1985 led to political agreement in September 1987, at Montreal, for a gradual reduction in the use of CFCs.

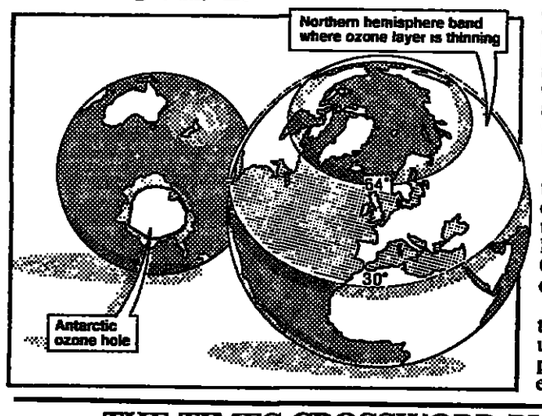
But with the latest evidence, Mrs Thatcher is now leading an international effort for tougher action in phasing out CFCs.

The thrust of the British Government's new campaign was outlined yesterday by Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Parliamentary under-secretary of state at the Department of Environment, who said efforts by the world's richest countries alone would not save the ozone layer.

She told the meeting examining the health and environmental consequences of ozone depletion, organized by the Consumers' Association, Friends of the Earth, the Cancer Research Campaign and the British Antarctic Survey, that all nations had to find CFC- free substitutes.

Whereas the Montreal Protocol aimed for a cut in consumption of 50 per cent by the end of century, Mrs Bottomley said worldwide CFC emissions needed to be cut by at least 85 per cent

Mr Jonathon Porritt, director of Friends of the Earth, urged the Government to provide more money for environmental research.



Midwives' mass protest

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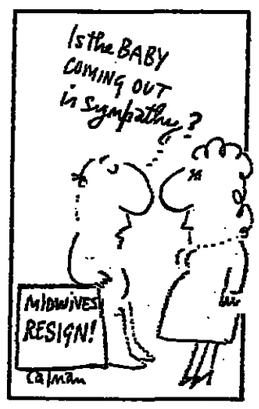
gey health authority refused to upgrade them from E to F.

Many of them say they will now apply for F posts in neighbouring districts. The health authority regretted the action but accused midwives of "using" mothers-to-be in a dispute over a technical problem with management.

They said that the move would bring immediate anxiety to pregnant women in Haringey, although the authority would be taking steps – including hiring agency midwives – to try to keep the service going.

The move coincided with a day of protest action in London. Nupe claimed that about 900 nurses took strike action at twenty hospitals although emergency cover was provided. Another dozen hospitals were hit by other forms of action, including walkouts, working to grade and overtime bans, Nupe officials told a rally of 400 in London.

Managers at St George's Hospital, Tooting, said that about 50 Nupe nurses had taken strike action, forcing the hospital to close eight of the ten operating theatres. Mr Roger Evans, unit general manager, said that the action had been less extensive than they expected but 28 operations had had to be cancelled. "Many of these patients, waiting for routine procedures, such as hip operations, may now have to wait till February or March for another appointment." Non-urgent surgery was also cancelled at the Royal Free Hospital, North London.



However the Department of Health issued a statement saying the action was "very limited" and postponed operations had been cancelled in anticipation of action.

Mr Tom Sawyer, the Nupe deputy general secretary, accused Mr Clarke and his deputy, Mr David Mellor, of trying to "intimidate" nurses by warning that those working to their interpretation of their new grades would be suspended or have appeals cancelled.

If the grades had been correct the health service should be running "like clockwork", he told the rally.

Meanwhile Mr Clarke published details in the House of Commons of the grades allocated to nurses and midwives throughout the country, claiming that the majority of staff had received substantial rises and had been put on the higher grades.

Mr Clarke said: "The massive increases awarded to nurses gave the lie to the staff side's claim that many nurses have been badly treated and that the regrading exercise was finance led or subject to quotas."

Tories rally to Lawson

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Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will give what sources described yesterday as a "total endorsement" of Mr Lawson's line.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Tory chairman, is one of several senior and influential MPs expected to come to Mr Lawson's aid today.

The high-level operation being mounted in support of Mr Lawson was itself an indication of fears of the damage the current economic situation and doubts over Mr Lawson could do to the Government.

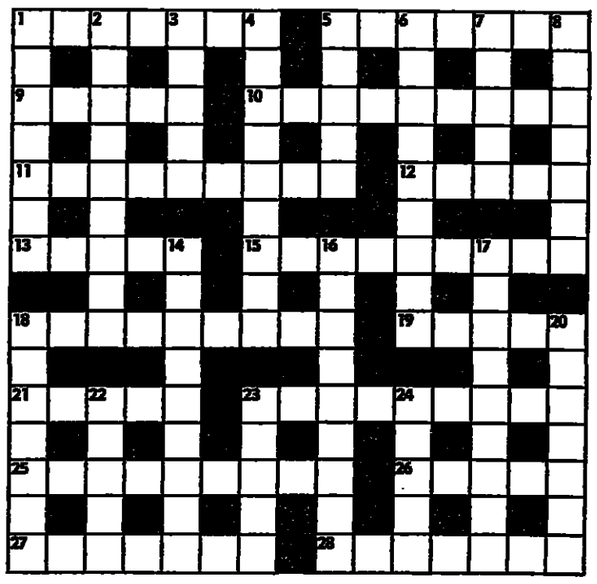
Several Conservative MPs are voicing concern over the effects of interest rate rises on homebuyers.

Mr Lawson clearly faces a tough ride, with Mr Gordon Brown, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, leading the assault on Mr Lawson and several vociferous Tory critics not disposed to help him.

Not for the first time Mr Lawson is said by MPs to be paying the penalty for his alleged failure to consult sufficiently with his colleagues.

Mr Lawson will adopt a robust approach today and insist there is no need for any change in policy.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,839



ACROSS

1 Upright people make civil servants (7).
5 Ad lib rendering – many perhaps play thus (7).
9 Come to do as parson does lacking capital (5).
10 Special treatment for visitor embarrassed by reprimand (3,6).
11 Robin's band heard before the start of the fun (9).
12 Part of statue sculptor so often reveals (5).
13 Fly sea-captain (5).
15 Her tactic oddly is to become a Wren (9).
18 His art is make-believe for young and old? (9).
19 Record complaint unless it is dropped (5).
21 A national venue for sport of kings (5).
23 Lad goes by train like Tom Brown (9).
25 In the Services he should know the answers (9).
26 Weller's old friend in the country (5).
27 One by one these sides appear (7).
28 20 ran home, having completed a circuit (7).

DOWN

1 Way of selling established in ancient times (7).
2 Glare, say, on capsule in flight (9).
3 Religious leader had trouble in Michigan (5).
4 One involved as upper-class minder (9).
5 Rebel student's bottom at Sandhurst (5).
6 American at any rate sounds not so clever (9).
7 Daily fate of some trees (5).
8 Dismissed despatch from this detachment (7).
14 Conductor facilitating entry to the Tube (9).
16 There may be a harrowing time for this heavyweight (4-5).
17 Validate institute (9).
18 Plain speaking from American point of view (7).
20 Cunning one is about – getting up anyway (7).
22 Actors in speech class here (5).
23 Groups of old soldiers without a club (5).
24 Chance for commander with cowardly fellow (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CALCINATED
a. Scarred
b. Reduced to ashes
c. Dyed white, whitewashed

TALAYOT
a. A method of divination by cards
b. A prehistoric stone monument
c. A Mexican fish stew

HABERDINE
a. A heavy twill coat
b. An armoured pikeman
c. A dried salt cod

CADUAC
a. A windfall
b. A desirable limo
c. The Apache War Council

Answers on page 22

Solution to Puzzle No 17,838

U	R	B	A	N		L	A	P	L	A	N	D	E	R
N		U		A		O		E		R		A		A
S	I	T	T	I	N	G	U	P		C	A	N	A	L
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C	H	E	A	T	I	N	G		G	E	N	E	R	A
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WEATHER

Rain, heavy at times in south-western Britain, will spread across England and Wales during the day, and across Northern Ireland and western Scotland during the morning, reaching the eastern side of Scotland in the afternoon. Mild in most places, although eastern Scotland will feel colder in a freshening south-easterly wind. Outlook: Unsettled. Rain at times in all areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Luxor	26	79	s
Alicante	18	64	s	Madrid	9	48	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Majorca	18	64	s
Algiers	17	63	f	Malaga	18	64	s
Amst'dm	6	43	r	Mel'rne	16	61	f
Athens	12	54	c	Mexico C*	21	70	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Miami*	27	81	c
Barcelna	12	54	s	Milan	6	43	s
Belgrade	4	39	s	Montreal*	11	52	f
Berlin	5	41	c	Moscow	-8	18	sn
Budapst	3	37	s	N York*	15	59	c
B Aires*	24	75	s	Nice	13	55	f
Cairo	21	70	s	Oslo	-1	30	sn
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Paris	1	34	c
C'blanca	17	63	s	Perth	26	79	s
Chicago*	3	37	c	Prague	4	39	c
Cologne	5	41	c	Reykjvik	3	37	f
C'phagn	4	39	r	Rhodes	15	59	f
Corfu	15	59	f	Rio de J	23	73	c
Dublin	12	54	r	Riyadh	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	10	50	f	Rome	13	55	s
Faro	17	63	s	Salzburg	4	39	s
Florence	9	48	s	Santiago*	31	88	s
Frankfurt	2	36	c	S Paulo*	18	64	c
Funchal	20	68	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	3	37	s	St'kholm	-6	21	sn
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	3	37	f
Helsinki	-10	14	c	Sydney	19	66	f
Hong K	20	68	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Innsbrck	2	36	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	f
Istanbul	7	45	c	Tenerife	21	70	c
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	13	55	s
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Tunis	17	63	c
Karachi	25	77	s	Valencia	14	57	s
L Palmas	21	70	f	Vanc'ver*	5	41	c
La Toust	7	45	c	Venice	9	48	s
Lisbon	13	55	s	Vienna	5	41	f
L Angels*	18	64	s	Zurich	1	34	c

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.1	-	7	45	bright
Bridlington	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	5.5	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	5.3	-	6	43	sunny
Clacton	7.3	-	7	45	sunny
Margate	7.1	-	7	45	sunny
Hastings	7.1	-	8	46	sunny
Worthing	7.3	-	7	45	sunny
Sandown	5.8	-	8	46	sunny
Weymouth	3.3	-	9	48	bright
Torquay	2.0	-	10	50	cloudy
Penzance	6.0	-	11	52	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.6	-	11	52	sunny
Jersey	4.5	-	10	50	sunny
Guernsey	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
Douglas	0.4	-	7	45	cloudy
B'haven Airpt	4.9	-	6	43	sunny
Carlisle	0.1	-	6	43	cloudy
Leeds	4.2	-	7	45	sunny
London	5.4	-	8	46	sunny
N'cstl-o-Tyne	0.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Nottingham	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Anglesey	0.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	3.3	-	7	45	sunny
Tenby	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	6	43	dull
Glasgow	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Kintyre	-	.01	7	45	dull
Lerwick	-	.03	7	45	rain
Stornoway	-	.02	8	46	rain
Tiree	-	.07	8	46	rain
Wick	-	.01	7	45	cloudy
Belfast	-	-	6	43	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available
These are Sunday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.08
Austria Sch	23.40	22.00
Belgium Fr	69.70	66.20
Canada $	2.28	2.16
Denmark Kr	12.71	12.11
Finland Mkk	7.85	7.45
France Fr	11.39	10.85
Germany Dm	3.295	3.115
Greece Dr	287	257
Hong Kong $	14.80	14.05
Ireland Pt	1.238	1.178
Italy Lira	2455	2325
Japan Yen	239	223
Netherlands Gld	3.73	3.53
Norway Kr	12.38	11.78
Portugal Esc	273.50	259.50
South Africa Rd	4.85	4.15
Spain Pta	215.75	204.75
Sweden Kr	11.54	10.94
Switzerland Fr	2.76	2.69
Turkey Lira	3800	3200
USA $	1.922	1.822
Yugoslavia Dnr	10900	8800

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 109.5 (October)

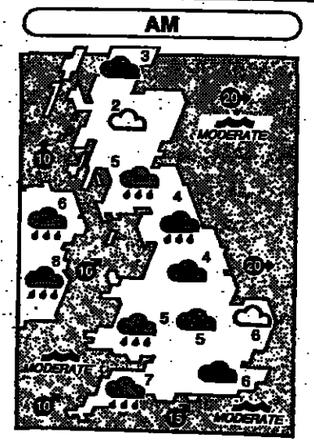
London: The *FT* index closed down 9.7 at 1462.8.

HIGH TIDES

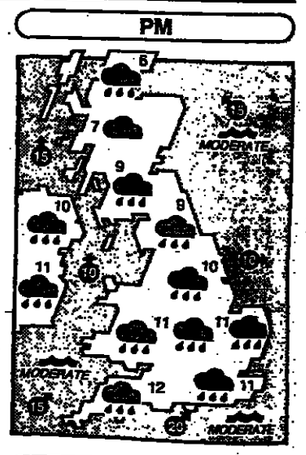
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.02	6.3	5.36	6.4
Aberdeen	4.58	3.8	4.48	3.9
Avonmouth	10.27	10.9	10.57	10.2
Belfast	2.30	3.0	2.46	3.5
Cardiff	10.12	10.1	10.42	9.6
Devonport	8.56	4.9	9.27	4.5
Dover	2.09	6.1	2.30	5.7
Falmouth	8.26	4.7	8.57	4.3
Glasgow	4.13	4.3	3.57	4.9
Harwich	2.54	3.5	3.28	3.5
Holyhead	1.42	4.7	1.52	4.9
Hull	9.35	6.1	9.53	6.5
Ilfracombe	9.19	7.8	9.46	7.3
Leith	5.15	4.8	6.34	4.7
Liverpool	2.27	9.0	2.43	8.1
Lowestoft	12.22	2.4	1.34	2.1
Margate	3.05	4.3	3.45	4.3
Milford Haven	9.42	6.0	10.07	5.6
Newquay	8.36	6.1	9.02	5.6
Oban	8.47	3.4	9.34	3.1
Penzance	8.03	4.9	8.36	4.5
Portland	9.50	1.9	10.35	1.5
Portsmouth	2.48	4.3	2.49	4.1
Shoreham	2.18	5.6	2.29	5.3
Southampton	2.22	4.0	2.26	3.8
Swansea	9.36	8.2	10.03	7.7
Tees	7.20	4.6	7.24	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	2.51	3.7	3.27	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28088. Times are GMT

AM



PM



HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Southport, Merseyside, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Hebrides, and Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.07in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent and Bognor Regis, Sussex, 7.5hr.

LONDON

Sunday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1028.1 millibars, steady.

Sun rises: 7.41 am
Sun sets: 3.56 pm
Moon sets 12.22 pm
Moon rises 9.48 pm
Last Quarter December 1

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.26 pm to 7.13 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.22 am
Edinburgh 4.16 pm to 7.48 am
Manchester 4.25 pm to 7.31 am
Penzance 4.54 pm to 7.28 am

MANCHESTER

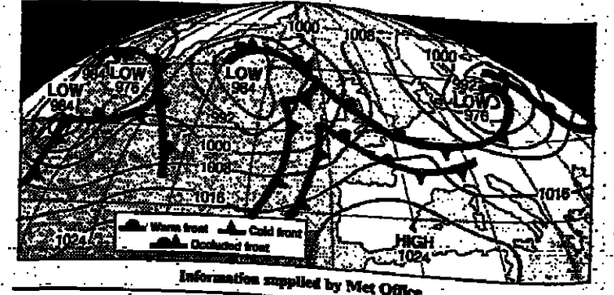
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (56F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.083 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F	
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	10	50	r
B'ingham	7	45	c	Inverness	9	48	r
Blackpool	11	52	s	Jersey	9	48	r
Bristol	9	48	c	London	8	46	c
Cardiff	10	50	d	M'chester	10	50	r
Edinburgh	10	50	s	Newcastle	12	54	s
Glasgow	10	50	s	R'maway	12	54	s

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1452.9 (–9.7)	US dollar 1.8350 (–0.0095)
FT-SE 100 1781.5 (–13.2)	W German mark 3.1819 (+0.0177)
USM (Datastream) 156.89 (–0.83)	Trade-weighted 77.7 (+0.1)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Hanson to seek boost in powers

Hanson is planning to increase its borrowing powers from £6.5 billion to £11 billion by asking shareholders to allow "purchased goodwill" to count as an asset when assessing borrowings.

Hanson has £1.8 billion of such goodwill, which has been written off, which was purchased through acquisitions of companies where assets fell short of the purchase price. Shareholders will be asked to approve the change at a meeting next month.

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Chief goes

Mr Roy Shephard, the chief executive of Johnson & Firth Brown and the man responsible for returning the group to profitability, is to leave at the end of December. His successor has not yet been appointed, but recruitment was in hand. Pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 rose 37 per cent to £7.7 million on turnover up 12 per cent to £99 million. A final dividend of 1.4p was declared, making 2p for the year – an increase of one-third. Tempus, page 26

Beazer plans

The $2.3 billion (£1.25 billion) refinancing for Beazer, the construction group, will be raised through two facilities, Citicorp said as the arranger.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2076.84 (+1.96)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 28983.32 (–380.27)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2625.08 (–31.00)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 270.3 (–2.6)
Sydney: AO ..... 1480.1 (–25.9)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1570.7 (–17.7)
Brussels:
General ..... 5370.7 (–18.0)
Paris: CAC ..... 392.1 (–1.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 502.5 (+0.7)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 926.87 (–7.49)
FT–"500" ..... 1007.52 (–9.82)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 179.4 (+3.7)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 97.24 (+0.27)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 88.96 (–0.52)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Underwoods ..... 144p (+53p)
BPP ..... 375p (+15p)
Eurotunnel Units ..... 455½p (+24p)
Booth Inds ..... 119½p (+11p)
Pochins ..... 975p (+15p)
Whitbread 'B' ..... 770p (+23p)
Bradford ..... 660p (+10p)

FALLS:
ICI ..... 965p (–23p)
BOC ..... 397½p (–13½p)
Lonrho ..... 378½p (–10p)
British Aerospace ..... 427½p (–15p)
Mersey Docks ..... 467½p (–24p)
DRG ..... 450½p (–13p)
Brent Walker ..... 333½p (–16p)
Wellcome ..... 437½p (–11p)
Costain ..... 300½p (–12p)
ECC ..... 452p (–20p)
JS Pathology ..... 224½p (–19p)
Laporte ..... 380½p (–10p)
Renishaw ..... 182½p (–43p)
Closing prices
Bargains 23128
SEAQ Volume 422.0m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13$^{3}/_{16}$-13$^{1}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 12$^{21}/_{32}$-12$^{19}/_{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8$^{9}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.03-8.02%*
30-year bonds 98¼-98$^{28}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6350	£: $1.6375*
£: DM3.1819	$: DM1.7330*
£: SwFr2.6626	$: SwFr1.4507*
£: FFr10.8650	$: FFr5.9200*
£: Yen224.24	$: Yen122.17*
£: Index:77.7	$: Index:92.6
ECU £0.651038	SDR £0.748483

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $421.40 pm-$424.25
close $423.25-423.75 (£230.50-231.00)
New York:
Comex $424.00-424.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $14.80bbl ($14.42)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Opec cuts output in move to 'restore stability'

From A Correspondent, Vienna

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries pledged to "restore stability to the world oil market", in concluding its first unified agreement for two years. The agreement calls for a six-month, 18.5 million barrels-a-day production ceiling from January.

After eight days of bitter negotiation, the 13-member organization admitted that "over-production of oil by some members of Opec" was responsible for the production cut, which would remove 4 million barrels a day from world markets.

Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the Opec president, said: "If we adhere strictly to the production ceiling it won't take very long to bring prices up to $18 a barrel."

Both Iran and Iraq received equal quotas – 2.64 million barrels a day – at the expense of the 11 other members, all of which lost a percentage of their market share.

Oil analysts predicted that the agreement should last for several months, but will probably be reviewed before Opec's next general meeting on June 5.

However, there was some scepticism. "It's a happy ending, at least for the next six weeks," said Mr Joseph Story, a US oil consultant, reflecting concern that, while the accord might last through the winter heating season, when demand is generally the greatest and prices higher, it could falter when demand declines.

Opec said a "serious and genuine effort" on the part of the world's oil producers was needed to ensure that if demand dropped production would not outstrip it and send prices down again.

Opec is to form a ministerial committee to monitor prices and supervise "strict adherence" to the new quota. The committee will meet in March to review progress.

News of the agreement sent the world oil price upwards (David Young writes). The price of North Sea Brent crude closed last night ended at $14.60 a barrel, after reaching a peak of $14.85. Some traders are buying cargoes for January at prices closer to the $15 mark.

Prices paid by the consumer should be little changed, however, because of the delay in producers' charges working their way through to the petrol pump.

Mr Mark Fletcher, oil analyst at Warburgs, the brokers, said that the agreement would not affect the markets for several weeks. "There is still a lot of oil on the high seas and heading for US markets which was produced before the Opec meeting started. Demand is strong at present, but it will take Opec some time to get its production down to the agreed level.

"Countries such as the United Arab Emirates are being asked to cut their output by half, and others, such as Ecuador and Gabon, are being asked to cancel planned new output programmes. It will take these countries some time to come to terms with the new output quotas, and the loose terminology of the Opec agreement gives them considerable scope for interpreting it in their favour."

Mr Amine Soussane, a London-based trader, described US market reaction to the accord as, "luke-warm – more luke than warm". He said two things had overhung the meeting. The first was the quantity of crude oil already pledged to the market, and the second the warning by Mr Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti oil minister, that his country would continue to produce 2 million barrels a day until the end of the year, nearly double its quota of 1.037 million.

Mr Soussane said: "It's bad for him to say that just after we've come out a very tough meeting. That is setting the stage for cheating between now and June."

Market fears rise on higher US prime rate

By Bailey Morris and Rodney Lord

Leading US banks yesterday raised their prime lending rates by half a point to 10.5 per cent. The widely anticipated move exacerbated fears that the US Federal Reserve Board will authorize another increase in the critical discount rate to dampen inflation.

Wall Street immediately reversed course, switching from a five-point gain to a five-point loss, before steadying to show a four-point gain in afternoon trading. The dollar and sterling both rose strongly on the back of interest rate gains.

The US currency closed in London about 2 pfennigs higher at DM1.7340, and rose back above the important Y122 barrier to close Y1.08 above the previous close at Y122.18.

The pound, strengthened by Friday's one-point increase in British base rates to 13 per cent, was restrained during the day by Bank of England intervention at about DM3.19. It closed in London up 1.77 pfennigs at DM3.1819, but fell 0.95 of a cent against the dollar at $1.8350. The effective exchange rate index was 0.1 higher at 77.7, after 77.9.

Markets saw the rise in prime rates as largely reflecting the gradual rise in market rates over the past month. The dollar's strength was pinned more to expectation of further increases this week in the overnight Federal Funds rate from last week's average of 8$^{3}/_{8}$ per cent.

There could be three triggers for this. First, the rise in British base rates may lead a general rise. Second, continued weakness in the dollar and the desire to limit intervention to support the currency indicate further use of the interest rate weapon. Third, the Opec agreement is likely to lead to firmer oil prices and an upward nudge to inflation.

Mr Malcolm Roberts of Salomon Brothers said: "The positive factor for sterling behind higher US rates is that if people perceive more stability in currency markets they will tend to move into high-yielding currencies and sterling will benefit."

Chase Manhattan Bank was the first to announce the increase in rates but it was followed quickly by a wave of other banks, which cited the recent sharp rise in money market rates as the principal cause. There has been a dramatic narrowing in recent weeks in the spread between Eurodollar rates and the prime rate.

Today the US Government is expected to revise upward its growth rate for the third-quarter gross national product, which was formerly projected at 2.2 per cent. In addition, US unemployment figures due on Friday are expected to reveal a November rate either at or below the 5.3 per cent level of October, the lowest in 14 years.

If the latest economic signs are as vigorous as expected, traders believe the Federal Reserve Board will raise the critical discount rate – the rate at which the central bank lends to the banking system – to 7 per cent from 6.5 per cent, where it has remained since August. This could happen as early as this week, but the consensus is that it will happen before the end of the year.

Analysts note that the current spread between the discount rate and the overnight Federal Funds rate is about the same as on August 9, when the Fed last raised the discount rate.

"The whole spectrum of interest rates is headed higher," said Mr Eugene Sherman, the chief economist of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. He predicted that the yield on the key 30-year US Treasury bond would rise sharply to more than 9.5 per cent by the end of the year, up from the current yield of 9.17 per cent.

Federal Reserve officials – in response to the policy goal of Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman, to move very early against the threat of inflation or recession – have already tightened the money supply significantly.

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Steel sector shares eased slightly yesterday, but less than the 13.2 point drop on the FT-SE 100 index, giving little fresh guidance to would-be British Steel investors. Market sentiment appeared depressed by last Friday's news of the record current account deficit, but institutions, including Japanese and West German investors familiar with the steel business, still regard the 125p tag as a good buy. Small investors have until Friday to decide. Applications must be in by 10am that day.

Brent Walker develops a taste for vintage wines



Lonrho drinks division sold

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Brent Walker, the leisure group run by the former boxer Mr George Walker, has agreed to pay £180 million in three instalments for Lonrho's entire European wines and spirits division, which includes Whyte & Mackay and Claymore whisky and the prominent Bordeaux Châteaux Smith Haut Lafitte and Rausan Ségla.

Mr Walker's private family company is to buy one of the châteaux, probably the much improved Rausan Ségla, at an independent valuation.

The deal, which takes Brent Walker into drinks production for the first time, met a poor reaction in the City, mainly because the entire business made pre-tax profits of only £2.2 million in the year to end March and will only improve moderately on that in the current year. Shares in Brent, which had a stock market value of £190 million, shed 20p to 334p.

Mr Walker suggested, however, that profits from the acquisition should improve strongly in 1989, partly from selling the products through Brent Walker's 400 public houses and other leisure outlets. He said: "Meat and drink is the basic commodity of all leisure businesses." Brent Walker would like to buy more public houses.

By contrast, the deal appeared to justify some of the high asset values that City analysts and Mr Tiny Rowland, the Lonrho chief executive, had put on the parts of the international trading group, including the £70 million Mr Rowland estimated for the wine properties.

Lonrho will realize £131 million net of loans and could swiftly raise its pre-tax profit by £10 million a year. Mr Paul Beaufrere of James Capel, the broker, said the deal was "very good indeed" for Lonrho.

But Lonrho shares also fell, by 10p to 379p, mainly as the sale, and Lonrho's hard-hitting weekend attack on the finances of the Bond group, might make it harder for Mr Alan Bond, whose interests own 21 per cent of Lonrho, to make a takeover bid.

Mr Paul Spicer, a director of Lonrho, said: "Both parties are pleased about this deal and it has nothing to do with Mr Bond." Although Lonrho had put substantial investment into broadening the base of the business with new drinks brands "Lonrho was not prepared to hang around for ever" to see the results.

This is the second large deal between the two companies. In July last year Brent Walker bought Lonrho's casino interests for £130 million.

The acquisition, and Mr Walker's intended château purchase are subject to approval from shareholders.

Boots in £40.8m Underwood deal

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Boots, the pharmaceutical group and Britain's biggest chemist, which last week reported rising profits, is to speed its growth in the south-east through a £40.8 million recommended cash offer for Underwoods, the London chemist chain.

Mr Robert Gunn, the Boots chairman, said: "It is a unique opportunity to accelerate. Central London is the biggest single market in the United Kingdom."

Mr Robert Gunn, the Boots chairman, offered 150p a share, which represents a 65 per cent premium on last Friday's closing price for Underwood shares.

The offer went to Mr Harry Woolf, the Underwoods chairman, last week as Underwoods' managers, led by Mr Alan Gaynor, the managing director, were putting together a management buyout at 120p a share. Boots now has irrevocable undertakings for 64 per cent of Underwoods.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, is studying the Boots bid but the companies are sending him a joint submission, arguing that the takeover should not be halted on competition grounds.

Mr Gunn said Boots was confident the bid would not be stopped, even if judged on a question of regional competition in the London area. In National Health Service prescription business, Boots and Underwoods together in London had at least 5 per cent of the market, with one area at

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21 per cent. Normally, a question of monopoly arises only after a 25 per cent market share is reached.

Boots with its 1,000 outlets in the United Kingdom accounts for rather more than 12 per cent of National Health Service prescription business. Underwoods has a network of 50 outlets.

The plan is to turn the Underwoods outlets into branches of Boots.

Guinness fraud case transferred

The fraud case against Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chief executive, and his six co-defendants was transferred yesterday to the Central Criminal Court in London.

It was the first time the transfer procedure, which removes the need for a committal hearing before magistrates, has been used since new regulations came into force on October 31.

Bail totalling £500,000 each for the seven was extended by magistrate Sir David Hopkin. The seven defendants face more than 100 charges relating to the Distillers takeover by Guinness.



Saunders: on £500,000 bail

With Mr Saunders in the dock were Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Corporation; Sir Jack Lyons, the financier; Mr Roger Seelig, the former Morgan Grenfell corporate finance director; Lord Spens, former head of corporate finance at the Henry Ansbacher merchant bank; Mr Anthony Parnes, a former city stockbroker; and Mr David Mayhew, senior corporate finance partner of Cazenove & Co, the stockbroker.

One of the charges against Mr Seelig, brought under the Companies Act, was withdrawn at the hearing at the request of the prosecution.

The case is likely to be listed at the Central Criminal Court for the first time on December 16.

After the hearing, Mr Saunders told reporters that he had been made a "scapegoat" but that he would prove his innocence.

Jaguar warning over weakening dollar

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Jaguar will make a profit next year only if it cuts costs in the face of a weakening dollar that has slashed profits in the important American market. The adverse exchange rate will wipe an estimated £45 million from Jaguar's profits in 1989 as the rate at which the company has hedged forward rises from $1.55 this year to $1.70.

The days are long gone when America accounted for 65 per cent of Jaguar's production and was the most profitable market.

Sir John Egan, Jaguar chairman, revealed yesterday that America, though at about 40 per cent still the largest market, is not among the top six most profitable, which include Japan and Britain. However, he has told investors Jaguar will make a good profit in 1989, achieve good cash flow, and spend more than £100 million on new models without seeking funds from the City. This year Jaguar is expected to make a profit of £45 million, down from £97 million in 1987.

Sir John has revised downwards, for the second time in recent months, the company's sales forecast in 1989. The projected figure for car sales is now put at 52,000 cars compared with earlier figures of 56,000 and 53,000.

The forecast for next year is a conservative 55,000 cars. At that level Sir John said, "I hope we are short of cars." Sales of the XJS sports car are buoyant and will climb from 11,500 this year to 15,000 in 1989. This figure is more than Jaguar's total production of all models in 1980.

Speaking to Jaguar's 60 top suppliers in London yesterday Sir John said the component industry, which sells parts worth £650 million to Jaguar annually, must contribute to the efficiency drive.

The car maker plans to cut costs by 5 per cent (£50 million) annually over the next three years and he stressed, "If suppliers are not able to cut their costs in real terms by 2 per cent per annum they are not really world class."

He emphasized that Japanese suppliers were willing to discuss real price cuts from the day they won an order.

● Carrs Paints won Jaguar's 1988 Supplier of the Year award yesterday beating 59 rival winners of Pursuit of Excellence awards from the company.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hay's expands after 12.5% rise to £29m

Hay's, the business services group gearing up for a flotation on the stock market, lifted pre-tax profits by 12.5 per cent to £29.6 million for the 12 months to the end of June. The company, which was bought from the Kuwait Investment Office by its management for £255 million in October last year, is expanding its distribution business by acquiring Bucks Group of Derbyshire, which specializes in the transport of shop fittings. Bucks has sales of £15 million and a network of 10 regional depots.

Last year Hay's distribution business showed a 41 per cent improvement in profits at the operating level to £17 million. Its specialist staff recruitment agencies division saw profits rise by 58 per cent to £15.2 million while its office support services increased profits from £3.1 million to £4.3 million.

Shaw up 30% to £535,000

Arthur Shaw, the USM-quoted designer and manufacturer of security fittings for windows, increased pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to £535,000 for the first half of this year. Turnover rose 25 per cent to £6.2 million. Earnings per share increased 10.5 per cent to 4.75p. The interim dividend was 1.1p.

Record for Vibroplant

Vibroplant, the Yorkshire plant hire group, made record interim pre-tax profits of £5.51 million, a rise of 45 per cent. Turnover was up 51 per cent at nearly £26 million, with earnings per share showing a 33 per cent improvement at 8.98p. The interim dividend was 1.02p, a rise of 20 per cent.

Carlsberg warning

Carlsberg, the Danish brewing group, expects to maintain a "satisfactory level of earnings" but says increased competition may require greater investment in marketing that could hit short-term results.

Net profits rose by 23 per cent to DKr540 million (£43.9 million) in the year to September 30, with turnover up by more than 9 per cent to DKr880 million; two thirds of this increase came from acquisitions. Group investment in plant and equipment was a record DKr1.11 billion in 1987-88, the company said in Copenhagen.

Hewetson leaps 134%

Hewetson, the building sub-contractor, lifted pre-tax profits by 134 per cent to £815,000 in the first six months. The results reflect contributions from two acquisitions. Turnover was up 57 per cent at £10.6 million and earnings per share show a 65 per cent rise to 6.26p. Interim dividend was 1.25p.

Bejam attacks Iceland profit

Profits per square foot at Bejam Group, the retailer under a £250 million hostile attack by its rival, Iceland Frozen Foods, are 82 per cent better than Iceland's, the company claims. Bejam says Iceland's volume growth is due to regional factors and its profits per square foot have been static.

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In Britain, where contracting out is in vogue, only 4 per cent is, while on the continent of Europe, the proportion falls to 2 per cent.

All of this suggests a potentially enormous untapped market for BET, one of the leaders in an industry where the competition is highly fragmented.

Evidence of the scope for organic growth can be found in the interim results.

Operating profits jumped 36 per cent in the core businesses – half of which was from organic growth.

The picture is obscured by the hectic pace at which BET has been restructuring itself.

The first half saw the divestment of the last of its non-core businesses, including Rediffusion Simulation for £151 million and Argus Press for £207 million.

During the same period, it also made no fewer than 38 acquisitions for £147 million.

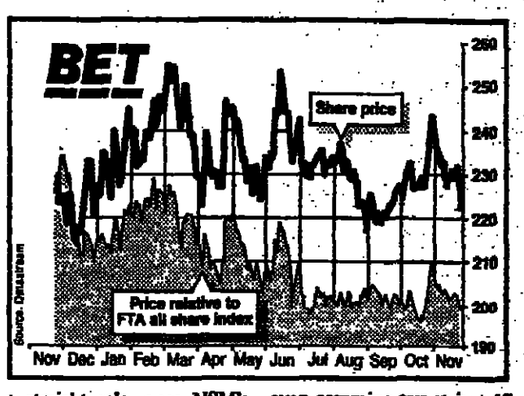
As a result, group gearing fell to 30 per cent of capital employed, despite goodwill write-offs of 80 per cent.

However, gearing is unlikely to remain at this level for long, as BET pursues its strategy of mopping up small contractors, in much the same way as Sainsbury and Tesco mopped up the food retailers in the 1960s on the road to becoming the dominant national chains they are today.

The main difference seems to be that BET has no real competition.

The field is clear – for the time being at any rate.

In the full year, BET should make pre-tax profits of about £260 million, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of about nine – good value.



NSM

NSM, the remodelled Burnett & Hallamshire, has come a long way since it lost almost £126 million in 1984-85.

Pre-tax profits of £4.2 million in the six months to the end of September contrasted with a loss of £1.8 million last time and £29 million for the last financial year, both recorded before Mr David McErlain's Anglo United injected its coal mining assets into NSM in return for a hefty stake.

However, the new management team at NSM cannot claim to be out of the woods yet. There remains the Anglo stake, which has already been diluted from 31 per cent to 26 per cent with the September purchase of the Bison building products group.

This must, under Stock Exchange regulations, fall to below 25 per cent of Anglo's net assets from its current level of just under 50 per cent. Although this could be done through acquisitions by either party, the remote possibility of a straight sale, once NSM's share price improves, continues to overhang the market.

NSM still has the residue of the heavy debts that crippled it in its former incarnation. These now stand at £50 million, or 1.5 times shareholders' funds, although the group is talking in terms of 60 per cent gearing by the year-end as its assets sale continues.

Already sold are the last of its less-profitable, deep coal mining business and the good ship Hallam Venture, a drain on resources for some years now. Still to go are the South African operations and some properties, including a potential $18 million-worth in California.

Meanwhile, there are plans to move into waste management and infill and to add to Bison's product range. But Bison must remain vulnerable to a general downturn in the building industry cycle, while the coal mining side could be affected by the more competitive conditions likely to come with privatization of British Coal.

On forecast profits of £15 million this year, NSM stands on a pricey 10 times earnings, even assuming tax at just 17 per cent this year. At present, there is little to justify this rating.

Johnson & Firth Brown

In 1983, Johnson & Firth Brown, the engineering group, had a turnover of £102 million, losses of £12 million – including £8.9 million from Sheffield Forgemasters – and long-term borrowings of £32.8 million. Six years later, the contrast could not be more stark. The group has sold the last of its loss-making operations, made a pre-tax profit of £7.7 million on a turnover of £99 million and has long-term borrowings of £13 million.

Since the latest year-end, at September 30, it has banked a further £4.8 million, the proceeds from the sale of Sheffield Forgemasters and Greenings. A further £2 million is due on Sheffield Forgemasters, pending settlement of a product claim.

Nearly half of group turnover and profit last year came from the newly-formed Firth Rixson division, which includes the high-integrity metal companies. This division has enjoyed a revival in aerospace orders, especially from Rolls-Royce. About 20 per cent of group turnover is in aerospace and the group has broadened its customer base so that only half is now sold to Rolls-Royce.

Following rationalization, the group now has a good spread of medium-sized companies at the speciality end of the market, selling principally on quality and service, while remaining competitive on price. Since the disposal of Greening, JFB is now profitable in every division and is beginning to look more seriously at the prospect of making "bolt-on" acquisitions, while continuing to control and reduce costs.

However, the market's assessment of JFB's shares will be very dependent on who the next chief executive is. Having finished the job he came in to do, Mr Roy Shephard, the man responsible for the dramatic turnround in JFB's fortunes, will be leaving the group at the end of December. Recruitment of a successor is in hand, but no appointment has yet been made.

This year, JFB should make pre-tax profits of £9 million. The group has unrelieved advance corporation tax of about £11 million, which will keep its mainstream tax charge down to 10 per cent. However, ACT on the current dividend means that the average tax rate paid by the group will amount to about 25 per cent. The shares are on a prospective multiple of a shade above nine, which looks about right.

Engineer doubles at halfway

By Martin Waller

Bromsgrove Industries, the acquisitive specialist engineer, has announced pre-tax profits more than doubled from £1.02 million to £2.22 million in the six months to end-September.

The organic growth rate was about 75 per cent, said Mr Bijan Sedghi, the chairman, with earnings per share up 58 per cent to 5.35p, reflecting the heavy acquisition programme. Contributions from purchases were "modest", partly because of their seasonal bias towards the second half.

An interim dividend of 1p is to be paid (0.65p). Bromsgrove is indicating a total for the year 30 per cent ahead from the 2.1p paid last time.

The new financial services division, added in May and expanded at the end of the first half with BRI Information Services, contributed £72,000 at the trading level.

Herring in deal for surveyor

By Colin Narbrough

Herring Son & Daw, the commercial property surveyor, has agreed to acquire James Barr & Son, the Glasgow chartered surveyor and leading Scottish rating practice, through a share issue.

The move is designed to strengthen its position ahead of the 1990 rate revaluation.

The value of the initial shares-and-cash purchase is £4 million, with a further payment dependent on James Barr's results next year.

Herring Son & Daw will inject the bulk of its Scottish business into James Barr, which will continue to trade under its present name.

Mr Nicholas Owen, chairman of Herring Son & Daw, said the expansion would give his company a strong presence in a fast-growing market.

Popularity of lighter spirits

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The Wine and Spirit Association has pointed to a growing trend towards lower-alcohol spirits, including drinks which have fruit and other flavours added to a light spirit base.

Sales figures for the second quarter of this year show that sales of domestically produced spirits – including the lighter speciality drinks, but excluding whisky and gin – jumped more than 31 per cent in volume. Over the 12 months to end-June the increase was more than 12 per cent.

Mr David Rutherford, the association's chairman, said: "I believe all spirits will sell well this Christmas, but we shall see remarkable further growth in lighter spirits."

The spirits market as a whole also continues to revive.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 21	December 2	February 23	March 6

Call options were taken out on: 29/11/88 Forward Technology Samson, Avins Petroleum, Regencrest, Eagle Trust, Waitman, Gold Petroleum, Clyde Petroleum, Ibstock, Oliver Resources, Ungeta, Premier Consolidated, Blacks Leisure, Tubular Exhibition, FKI Babcock, PML, G Wimpey, Capital & Regional, Transwood, FNFC, MBS, Amstrad, Bula Resources, Burndene Inv, Bunzl, Daras Estates, British Gas, Addison Consultancy, Greenwich Resources, VSEL.
Puts: R Williams, Land Securities.
Puts & Calls: London Securities, Tyndall Holdings.

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	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	2,022	GU	2,922	Laporte	620	Saatchi	522
Abbey.	2,406	Cons Gold	219	L&G	1,055	Sainsbury	2,166
Allid-Lyons	2,322	Cookson	680	Lloyds	1,672	Scot & N	1,797
Amstrad	5,738	Courtaulds	1,636	Lonrho	9,203	Sears	12,404
ASDA	1,363	Dalgety	913	Lucas	2,163	Sedgwick	1,613
AB Foods	726	Dixons	5,195	Magnet	1,334	Shell	3,348
Argyll	1,480	ECC	377	M&S	5,915	Slebe	1,237
BAA	359	Enterprise	783	Maxwell Cm	813	Slough	998
BET	1,604	Ferranti	4,943	MB Group	2,701	Smith & N	1,691
BTR	3,232	Fisons	1,256	MEPC	2,981	Smith WH	883
BAT	1,946	FKI Babcok	1,160	Midland	1,081	Smiths Ind	1,328
Barclays	1,205	Gateway Cp	2,037	NatWest	649	STC	1,908
Bass	397	Gen Acc	1,047	Next	529	Stan Chart	1,004
Beecham	1,189	GEC	6,547	Nth Food	228	Stonehse	30,856
Beazer	1,374	Glaxo	1,872	P&O	1,979	Sun Alince	619
Berisfd SW	1,248	Globe Inv	128	Pearl	1,065	T & N	569
BICC	827	Glynwed	741	Pearson	672	Tarmac	1,089
Blue Arrow	8,482	Granada	1,413	Pilkington	3,717	Tate & Lyle	75
Blue Circle	2,471	Grand Met	2,868	Plessey	6,155	Taylor Wood	221
BOC	707	GUS 'A'	342	Polly Peck	1,130	TSB	2,011
Boots	9,994	GRE	1,386	Prudential	6,149	Tesco	481
BPB	1,854	GKN	591	Racal	4,286	Thorn EMI	1,544
Br Aero	2,540	Guinness	2,962	Racal Tele	561	Trafalgar	1,032
Br Airways	6,155	Hamm 'A'	842	Rk Hovis	1,425	THF	5,240
Br Comm	2,866	Hanson	9,793	Rank	280	Ultramar	3,568
Br Gas	19,784	H & C	314	R&C	110	Unigate	4,359
Br Land	4,468	Hawker	1,684	Redland	452	Unilever	1,868
Br Petrol	5,296	Hillsdown	1,861	Reed	2,563	United Bis	2,295
Br Telecm	4,116	IMI	795	Reuters	774	Utd News	1,439
Bunzl	947	ICI	1,865	RMC Gp	666	Wellcome	980
Burmah	1,327	Inchcape	813	RTZ	1,328	Whitbrd	1,192
Burton	3,301	Jaguar	1,575	R-Royce	6,116	Williams	7,319
C&W	4,286	Lasmo	1,842	Rothmn 'B'	1,426	Willis Fab	15
Cadbury	5,558	Ladbroke	1,576	Royal Bank	3,071	Wimpey G	1,623
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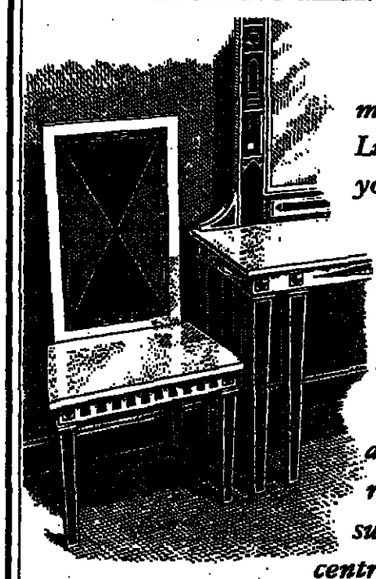
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UB presses Royal Bank to give pledge of loyalty

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

United Biscuits is hoping for an answer by the end of this week to the request by Sir Hector Laing, its chairman, for a statement of loyalty from Royal Bank of Scotland, its main banker, in the event of a hostile takeover bid.

The bank is aware that if it decides not to give a commitment, UB – which has been a customer for half a century – is likely to take its banking business elsewhere. Sir Hector has made it clear that he regards loyalty as crucial.

Sir Hector asked Royal three weeks ago to give a commitment not to support a hostile bidder if a takeover attempt was ever made on UB. Somewhat to UB's surprise, Royal has still not replied, although the subject may be discussed at the bank's board meeting this week.Sir Hector's action has highlighted a problem which is causing increasing worry to many bank customers.

UB asked Royal for the assurance after two cases when the bank helped to finance bids against its customers. Scottish & Newcastle Breweries broke relations with Royal when the bank supported a bid for the company by Elders IXL. William Collins ceased to bank there when Charterhouse, Royal's merchant banking arm, advised News International in its bid for the publishing group.

Another case was the removal by Ranks Hovis McDougall of its business from Midland Bank when the bank failed to support the company. Midland had assured RHM that it would not help any hostile bid, but then supported the £1.7 billion bid by Goodman Fielder Wattie.

Sir Hector said: "There is a point of principle here. I expect my bank to give me the same loyalty that I have given to it over the last 40 years. Loyalty means not giving financial ammunition to others who want to bid. "We have never made opposed takeovers, but if we did and the target was a Royal Bank customer, we would not dream of asking Royal to finance the bid. We would hope the bank would stand back and support neither side."

But Mr Charles Winter, chief executive of Royal, insisted that there was nothing new in banks supporting bids against existing customers. "We will look at any bankable proposition. This has been the bank's policy since I joined it 40 years ago."

Royal also maintains that Charterhouse is free to make its own decisions about which customers to advise without interference from the bank.

BET up by 31% despite changes

By Carol Ferguson

BET, supplier of cleaning, security and maintenance services to industry, reported a 31 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £120 million at the interim stage, despite the continuing process of restructuring.

The results were ahead of expectations, and the shares lost 1p to 221p in a weak market.

The fastest rate of organic growth was in the textile rental and home improvement services. Accounting for a quarter of profits, textile rental and washroom services, which includes the Initial towel brand, grew by 28 per cent to £33 million, 85 per cent of which was organic. The highest organic growth rate in this area was in Britain where buoyant retailing and leisure markets helped the hotel and light workwear services.

Property and home improvement grew by 46 per cent to £22.6 million, also mainly from organic growth.

Several non-core businesses were disposed of, the biggest of which were Rediffusion Simulation and Argus Press. Meanwhile, BET made 38 acquisitions in the half year, costing £147 million.

Sir Timothy Bevan, the chairman, said: "Our acquisitions have all been of support service companies. They have strong cash flow and customer bases, but low asset levels." He said that the average goodwill write-off was 80 per cent.

"Under UK conventions, this hits both sides of the gearing equation", he commented. Nevertheless, he said net borrowings were down to £180 million, and gearing was 30 per cent. This would be a temporary level, he added.

"The trend towards contracting out support services to specialists is accelerating and our growth demonstrates our strength in this market."

Earnings per share were up 14 per cent to 11.4p. The slower rate of earnings growth is a reflection both of the higher number of shares following the North American share issue and conversion of the Eurobonds last year, and a higher tax rate.

Sales rose 3 per cent to £1.1 billion. The interim dividend was raised by 17 per cent to 3.5p net. "This continues our policy of gradually reducing the disparity between the interim and final payments," Sir Timothy said.

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COMMENT David Brewerton

Christmas stocking-up for Hanson's war chest

Lord Hanson is looking for a Christmas present from shareholders. On December 22, instead of popping across the road to do last minute shopping at Harrods, he will be asking shareholders to approve a strengthening of the war chest.

In the US, where leveraged bids and buy-outs are two a penny, they do not limit through articles of association the amount which a company may borrow. Bankers define the limit, and there seems to be no limit at all as long as the interest rate is high enough. That is why they have "junk bonds" but we do not.

Over here, borrowing limits can be a pain, as Hanson has realized. The group, which has been a bit too quiet on the takeover front, has given up hope of its shares attracting a decent enough rating for them to be used as takeover currency. It recognizes that cash is likely to be king in the bid arena, but that in a world where KKR can put together bids in excess of $20 billion, it is not in the running as a serious contender.

Hanson is sitting on a cash pile of probably £3 billion, but its borrowings are limited to about £6.5 billion by an article which says it can borrow only two-and-a-half times its capital and reserves. This severely cramps its prospective style, and the idea is to add back goodwill, which has been acquired in takeovers and subsequently written off, to the capital and reserves figure in order to arrive at the borrowing limit. The effect of the change is to raise borrowing limits to around £11 billion.

That will enable Hanson to look with more than academic interest at some of the takeover prospects which still abound on both sides of the Atlantic. Lord Hanson believes that we have been in a sellers' market for the past year or two, and has taken full advantage of it with a string of disposals. We should now surmise that he now reckons a buyers' market may be just around the corner, and is fuelling up the takeover machine, ready for battle.

We may not have to wait too long, either, for action. Lord Hanson is not prepared to wait until the annual meeting takes place in January to seek the changes; he wants them next month. And that should be enough to send some shivers down a few chairmen's backbones, not least in the Allied-Lyons boardroom where they may soon have to face the fact that Alan Bond's key 11 per cent share stake might be passed to a proper bidder.

Meanwhile, analysts are polishing up their final estimates for Hanson's results for the year to September 30, none of which put Hanson shares on to a double-digit price/earnings ratio. If there is a lucrative acquisition in train, the shares will continue the outperformance of the market shown over the past half year. Rightly so.

Share sale prescribed

Few of Underwoods' shareholders will argue with Boots over the 150p per share on offer for their company, despite the 30p shortfall on the flotation price. The company was oversold by Morgan Grenfell at the peak of its persuasive powers when the presence on the Underwoods' board of a number of high-profile businessmen, such as Roger Seelig, offered a promise which was never delivered.

Boots, however, has to make Underwoods' branches really sweat if it is to cover the cost of financing the £41 million cash deal. According to Phillips & Drew retail analyst, Charles Nichols, Boots will have to generate nearly £40 per sq ft profit to wash its face, which is £10 per sq ft more than Boots earns in its current operations. The London bias of Underwoods will help, but Underwoods owns only one store freehold and Boots will have to pay rent, whereas the major part of its own chain is freehold.

This might be even tougher than convincing the Office of Fair Trading that buying out a competitor is not anti-competitive. Despite the chance of a counterbid, investors would be wise to liquidate their holdings in the market.

Sterling's attractions

Nigel Lawson and the sheikhs of Araby have together prompted a further tightening of the screw on interest rates worldwide. Yesterday's rise in US prime rates was timed partly in response to the 1 per cent rise in UK rates on Friday, in the wake of October's gruesome trade figures, and partly on the calculation that an Opec agreement, no matter how fragile, is likely to give oil prices at least a temporary lift. However, although these provided the trigger, another rise in US rates has been on the cards for some time.

In the short term higher rates in the US must mean that the relative attraction of rates in London is diminished. But there may also be an uncovenanted benefit in the slightly longer term. If higher rates succeed in taking the pressure off the dollar foreign exchange markets will become more stable generally and attention will turn back from "safe havens" like the mark and the yen to high yielding currencies like sterling. Despite yesterday's restraining hand from the Bank of England, all the signs are Mr Lawson will not mind moderate strengthening of the pound. The problem may be to keep it moderate.

GrandMet lifts stake in Pillsbury

Grand Metropolitan yesterday announced that about 85.3 per cent of the shares in Pillsbury, the US Burger King and Green Giant food group, had been tendered in response to its $60-a-share offer.

This compares with the 84.6 per cent GrandMet had secured on November 18 – the previous expiration date – and inched it closer towards victory in its $5.23 billion (£2.84 billion) hostile bid for Pillsbury.

GrandMet said that 72.84 million common shares in Pillsbury had now been tendered in response to its offer for all Pillsbury's shares. The offer has now been extended until December 2.

Union Square interim jump

Union Square, the fast-growing property services and development group, reports pre-tax profits of £1.84 million for the six months to end-September, against £648,000, and has plans for a substantial acquisition.

The half-way increase reflects the purchase in March of Anthony Green and Spencer, a commercial property surveyor. Earnings per share jumped 135 per cent to 2p. The interim dividend is 0.4p (0.3125p).

NSM back in the black



TREVOR SMITH

Cast of millions: Don Carr unveils NSM's return to profit at the company's opencast mine at Heanor in Derbyshire

By Martin Waller

NSM, the former Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings, which is now Britain's biggest opencast coal miner, returned to profit for the first time for almost four years with £4.22 million in the half year to end-September.

There was no contribution from Bison, the concrete flooring group, its recent big acquisition.

Losses of £1.85 million last time came before the purchase of the opencast operations of Anglo United, which retains 26 per cent.

There is no interim dividend, but the group is on course for the 3p final payment forecast at the time of the Bison deal, said Mr Don Carr, the chairman.

Bison was itself trading ahead of budget in its first month under new ownership.

Both the British and US operations were trading profitably, with considerable cost savings effected by the integration of the Anglo United companies, Mr Carr added.

● Anglo United itself came in with pre-tax profits up 46 per cent to £2.5 million – £1.32 million of these from its stake in NSM.

The half-way dividend is maintained at 0.2p. Mr John Gainham, the finance director, said expansion was planned in its fuel distribution and property businesses.

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Courtaulds moves to win Taubmans

By Our City Staff

Courtaulds, the chemicals and textiles multinational, has made a £19 million offer to buy the whole of Taubmans Industries Limited, an Australian manufacturer of paints and coatings.

Courtaulds, which already owns 56.4 per cent of the company, is offering to buy the rest. The offer – of Aus$5 for each ordinary share and Aus$2 for each preference share – values the Australian company at Aus$92 million (£43.5 million).

Taubmans is the Australasian arm of Courtaulds' international paint manufacturing and supply business, with subsidiaries in Australia, New Zealand and associated companies in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. Sir Christopher Hogg, Courtaulds chairman, said he expected Taubmans' shareholders to find the offer very attractive. The price represented a 25 per cent increase on Aus$4, the last market price of the shares before the offer was made and itself a record for them.

The offer is conditional on Courtaulds receiving at least 90 per cent agreement from the Taubmans shareholders.

Last year, Taubmans produced after-tax profits of Aus$4.9 million on revenues of approximately Aus$165 million.

The earnings per share amounted to 26.8 cents. In the six months to September 30 this year, the Australian company made an after-tax profit of Aus$3.1 million.

£21.5m Vivat buy for Chelsea Man

By Our City Staff

Vivat Holdings, the ailing Lee Cooper jeans group, has agreed to sell its high street retailing business, trading under the names Jean Jeanie, Jean Machine, FUs and Copyright, for a maximum of £21.5 million.

The buyer is Chelsea Man, the clothes retailer which came to the USM in June 1986.

The 118 Vivat shops are trading at a loss. Mr Sam George, the Chelsea Man chairman, said the purchase was "very much a turnround situation which will require a lot of hard work on our part".

He believed the shops' problem was their merchandise, which was his company's strength.

Chelsea Man designs its own clothes and has them made in Italy.

This summer his company reported pre-tax profits £18,000 down at £1.58 million and the market believed Chelsea Man was suffering from lack of retail space – it trades from just seven outlets.

Vivat, which earlier this month terminated bid talks with Amber Day, a group run by one of its former directors, said the proceeds from the deal would be used to reduce its debts.

Meanwhile, management attention would concentrate on its clothes manufacturing and distribution businesses.

Prospects for a return to profitability next year now "greatly enhanced", the company said.

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BRITISH MIDLAND

Bhutan buys British

For those partial to asparagus, a deal struck recently between British Aerospace and the tiny Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan may come as extremely good news. For the country, which nestles above north-east India and is a big exporter of the vegetable, recently held a contest to buy an aircraft to ferry its 2,000 tourists a year from Calcutta. Three countries entered: Canada, with a Dash 8, France with an ATR 42 and Britain with a BAe 146, the preferred air transport of the Queen. The test was to see which of the three aircraft could best cope with taking off and landing on the runway at Paro, which is at 7,500 ft and surrounded by mountains. The Bhutan authorities loaded the planes with bags of sugar to put them through their paces, and British Aerospace finally clinched the $28 million (£15 million) sale. The aircraft, which was delivered last week to coincide with the King of Bhutan's birthday, is now emblazoned with the logo of Druk Air, and so delighted is the Government with its purchase that it is to order three more – all of which are to be funded through ECGD loans.

T Boone stake

I hear that T Boone Pickens, the most famous corporate raider of them all, is considering running for the governorship of his home state of Texas. The oil man, aged 60, says he may make his bid in four years and, if successful, may attempt to implement an old idea of his – making Texas into another Delaware, a popular home for companies because of its "open door" business laws. Pickens reckons that a crop of shareholders' rights laws in Texas might encourage proxy fights to force managements to incorporate in the Lone Star state.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Steel's fading appeal

City sentiment over the British Steel flotation which, at 125p a share, was regarded as a bit of a steal for investors. Until, that is, the release of the trade figures last Friday, and the subsequent slump in equities. Now it all looks pretty bearish – at least, according to bets on the opening price being taken by the IG Index. The City's financial bookmaker was last night offering a buy and sell price of 64p-67p on the 60p partly-paid shares in which dealings will start at 2.30 pm on December 5. Early on Friday it was quoting 78p-81p. Now at just 4p over the placing price, which was set two days before the record trade deficit was revealed, the Index is reporting a dearth of buyers for the shares.

New direction

The Institute of Directors is converting part of its fitness centre, in the basement of its grand Pall Mall headquarters, into a restaurant. The space, which, when the building was run by the United Services Club, included a hairdresser, will open as a brasserie on December 14. The idea is that the 30,000 IoD members will be able to get a faster bite than in the upstairs dining room. In keeping with the general splendour of the premises, I am told that the Victorian embossed wall tiles have been restored, as has a vaulted ceiling, and some of the old hairdressing cubicles have been incorporated into the new room. But the IoD has not entirely forgotten its heartier types who may prefer to take exercise rather than eat; it has come to a deal with the nearby Park Lane Hotel whereby members may use its gym.

Wooden heart

Wickes, the DIY and timber group run by Henry Sweetbaum, is helping to put back some of the raw materials it takes, from one corner of the world at least. It has combined with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC, the Indonesian Government and Cambridge University to research the regeneration of the tropical rain forest. By sponsoring a three-year study which will look at afforestation in logged areas, among other things, Wickes will be joining forces with scientific institutions, including the Royal Geographical Society. Wickes' particular contribution will be to build a base camp in central Kalimantan, Indonesia, where Barito Ulu, the international project, is trying to ensure the continuation of the forest. Work starts next spring and will involve 50 staff, 25 from Britain. Wickes is also sponsoring British and Indonesian scientists who will go out there. Sweetbaum says his group, which owns Hunter, the timber distributor, is anxious to ensure rain forests are harvested on a sustained yield basis to maintain ecological balance and, to that end, has already presented some of the equipment to an Indonesian embassy representative.

● Kjell-Olof Feldt, the Swedish finance minister has really put his affairs in order. Feldt, who has been been lauded as the architect of his country's recent radical tax-cutting reform programme, has just filed court papers bequesting his refrigerator to his dog.

Rosemary Unsworth

Wiggins raises payout on 110% leap

By Graham Searjeant

Wiggins Group, the house-builder, property developer and motor agent, has raised its interim dividend by half – to 3p per share – on the back of another strong rise in profits.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September jumped by 110 per cent to £3.8 million, on turnover up 40 per cent to £56.9 million.

After a tax charge of £852,000 (against £346,000) earnings per share doubled from 9.5 to 19.1p per share.

Mr Stephen Hayklan, the chairman, said Wiggins, which greatly expanded its housebuilding operations by buying Allison Homes in June 1987, had anticipated a slowing of the residential property market.

Action was taken early in the year to mitigate the effect and, as a result, all the group's operations were performing in line with management forecasts.

The first half saw the completion of a new phase of the group's Waterside development in London's Docklands, which has concentrated on letting relatively small office suites. Beaufort Court has been sold for £14 million and work is now well advanced on Arrowhead Quay, the next 170,000-sq ft phase of the Docklands project.

BWD Rensburg aiming to exploit link with society

By Geoffrey Foster

BWD Securities, the Yorkshire private-client stockbroker, yesterday effectively doubled its size when Rensburg, the Liverpool broking partnership acquired for £7.8 million, was fully integrated.

Led by Mr Christopher Broadbent and Mr Michael Woodhead, BWD Rensburg, the new group, will have more than 35,000 clients and more than £650 million discretionary funds under management.

And its geographical spread will enable it to provide a range of financial services across the North of England.

The move also makes the agreement Mr Broadbent struck last July with the Yorkshire Building Society, the 12th largest building society, an even better one.

The YBS took up a near-12 per cent stake in BWD and now has an option to acquire a further holding at 130p a share to take its interest up to 16.2 per cent. In return, BWD is able to provide a full range of stockbroking services to the society's customers. With more than 150 branches, 750,000 customers, and assets of more than £2.5 billion, the management team at BWD is excited by the agreement's potential.

Next Monday, the doors will open at a newly-constructed branch of the YBS in Castleford, Yorkshire, where a BWD Rensburg representative will be on hand to offer the public a full range of stockbroking services.

The BWD Rensburg move is the first direct link between a stockbroker and a building society and Mr Broadbent is confident that his company will make money.

Of the YBS's 750,000 customers, 16 per cent already own stocks and shares, and 300,000 of them are in Yorkshire.

BWD Rensburg has been appointed a regional co-ordinator for the British Steel flotation and is confident that the issue will create considerable interest in its Sheffield and South Yorkshire heartland.

Brought to the USM by Mr Broadbent and Mr Woodhead at 95p only six months after the crash, BWD remained profitable through that period and achieved pre-tax profits of £180,000 in the first few months of the current year, compared to full-year profits to end-November 1987 of £1.28 million.

Even if present dull conditions remain, the group will remain profitable and forecasts current year profits of £0.8 million and £1.8 million for next year.

Channon leads delegation to China

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday left London, with a delegation of British industrialists, on a week-long visit to Hong Kong and China.

During it he will try to promote sales of traffic control systems to regulate Chinese cyclists.

The system he will be promoting is Scoot. It is regarded as possibly the most advanced traffic control system in the world, co-ordinating traffic lights through the use of computers to provide the most up-to-date traffic information.

Plessey has a £4 million contract for Scoot in China, and there are hopes of further orders, particularly as British consultants are carrying out a traffic study in Peking.

Apart from traffic control equipment, Mr Channon will also be discussing the scope for British involvement in railway and port development and the proposed rapid expansion of China's air services.

Mr Channon sees China as potentially offering enormous trading opportunities. The prospects for trade with China have been enhanced by the negotiation of a £300 million soft loan to China. Last year Britain exported £416 million of goods to China and imported £326 million.



Channon: trade prospects

TOKYO

Shares hit by oil and rate fears

(Reuter) – Prices closed sharply lower yesterday because of worries about the direction of oil prices and interest rates as well as technical reasons, brokers said.

Mr Haruo Nakaharu, a vice-president of research at Prudential-Bache Securities (Japan), said: "The market is usually a little weak on a Monday. Volume started off too active and then we saw some profit-taking. We had eight days up and now we need some days down."

The Nikkei index fell 380.27 points, or 1.3 per cent, to 28,983.32 after losing 43.06 points on Saturday. It put on 1,263.70 in its series of eight closing records, from November 11 to 22, taking it to a peak 29,430.12.

Turnover reached 1.2 million shares. A total of 550 million were traded in Saturday's half-day session.

● **Singapore** – Volume dropped to near the year's low as operators stayed on the sidelines due to uncertainty about foreign bourses, brokers said. The *Straits Times* industrial index shed 8.77 to 1,002.55.

● **Sydney** – The All-Industrials Index slipped 43.1 points to 2,451.4, the All-Resources Index 14.0 to 751.5 and the gold marker 10.8 to 1,525.1. Losses in leading industrials dragged the main index down.

NEW YORK

Dow moves forward to 'correct over-reaction'

(Reuter) – Shares rose in early trading yesterday following Opec's agreement on a quota. Mr Michael Metz, an analyst at Oppenheimer, said that the market was gaining because of an over-reaction on Friday when the market fell in anticipation of higher oil prices.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 5 points to 2,079.68. Trading was slow ahead of the US employment figures on Friday, brokers said.

● **Frankfurt** – The 30-share DAX index closed at 1,259.13, down 16.28 points or 1.3 per cent. Fear that higher oil prices would boost inflation and prompt a rise in US interest rates pushed shares to a lower close in thin trading.

WALL STREET

	Nov 25	Nov 23		Nov 25	Nov 23		Nov 25	Nov 23
AMR Cp	49⅞	50⅛	Fedders	10⅜	10⅝	Pennzoil	70⅞	71½
ASA	39⅝	37½	Fst Chicago	30⅝	30⅝	Pepsico	39⅝	40
Aetna Life	47⅞	48⅛	Fst Int Bncp	45⅛	45½	Pfizer	55⅞	55⅝
Allied Signal	32⅝	32⅝	Fst Penn C	12⅛	12⅝	Phelps Dod	50⅛	49⅝
Alls Chlm	⅛	⅛	FT Wachve	37⅝	38⅛	Phillip Mor	96	96⅛
Alcoa	52⅜	54⅜	Ford Motor	50	51⅜	Philp Pet	20⅛	19⅛
Amax Inc	23	23⅛	GAF Cp	45⅞	45⅝	Pillsbury	57⅛	57
AMR Hess	30⅛	29⅛	GTE Cp	43⅜	44⅜	Polaroid	34⅛	35⅞
Am Brands	53⅜	53⅜	Gen Cp	17⅜	17	Primerica	27⅝	27⅞
Am Cynmid	45⅛	45⅜	Gn Dynam	50⅜	50⅛	Proct Gble	80⅜	81⅜
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	26⅝	Gen Electric	43⅞	44⅛	Pub SE Gr	24⅞	24⅞
Amerx	26⅛	26⅝	Gen Inst	21⅝	22⅛	R Nabsco	85	85⅛
Am Family	13⅛	13	Gen Mills	58⅛	58⅜	Raytheon	69⅛	69⅝
Am Home	78⅜	78⅜	Gen Motors	81⅝	82⅛	Rylds Met	51⅞	51⅜
Am Int Grp	62	62⅜	Gen Pub Ut	36⅜	36⅝	Rockwell Int	19⅝	19⅞
Am Telph	29⅛	29⅜	Genesco	5	5	Royal Dutch	115	113⅝
Amoco Cp	73⅛	71⅞	Georgia Pac	34	34⅛	Sciocorp	32⅝	18⅛
Anheuser B	30	30⅛	Gillette	32⅜	32⅜	Sears Lee	43⅞	44⅛
Arch Dan	19⅛	19⅜	Goodrich	49⅞	49⅞	Schlumb	33⅝	32⅝
Armco Steel	9⅛	9⅛	Goodyear	47⅝	47⅝	Scott Paper	35⅛	36⅛
Asarco Inc	26⅝	27	Grace Co	25⅛	25⅛	Seagram	58⅝	58
Ashland Oil	33⅛	33	Grt Atl Pac	44⅛	45	Sears Roeb	39⅛	40
Atl Richfld	80⅜	78	Greyhnd	29⅝	28⅝	Sec Pac	36⅞	36⅝
Avon Prod	18⅜	19⅝	Grumen	20⅞	21⅛	Shell Trans	73⅝	73
Bk Boston	22⅜	22⅝	Gulf Weste	37⅞	38⅛	Smith Beck	44⅛	44⅛
Bank NY	34⅝	34⅜	Heinz	44⅝	44⅝	Sony Cp	54⅛	51⅛
Bankamer	17⅜	17⅜	Hercules	43⅛	43⅞	SW Bell	39⅛	40⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	36⅞	37⅜	Hewlett Pk	46⅝	47⅜	Squibb	66	66⅛
Baxter	16⅝	16⅛	Hilton	48⅛	47⅜	Sun Comp	31⅜	31⅜
Beth Steel	21	20⅝	Honeywell	59⅞	59⅛	TDK	n.a	n.a
Boeing	62	62⅜	IC Ind	31⅜	31⅛	TRW Inc	41	41⅜
Boise Casc	39½	40⅛	ITT Cp	48⅛	48⅞	Tektronix	328⅛	328⅝
Borden	55½	55⅝	INCO	31⅛	31⅝	Tenneco	48⅞	49⅜
Brist Meyr	42⅝	44	Ing Rand Wt	33⅜	33⅝	Texaco	46⅝	45⅞
BP	54⅜	54⅛	Inland Steel	38⅝	39⅛	Tex Eastn	27⅛	27⅛
Brunswick	18⅛	18	IBM	116	117⅛	Texas Inst	35⅞	36
Burl Nth	73	72	Int Paper	44	44⅝	Tex Util	28⅞	28⅞
CBS	166	166⅛	Irving Bk	75⅛	75⅝	Textron	23⅜	23⅛
CMS Engy	24⅞	24⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	82⅜	84⅜	Timken	29⅛	29⅛
CPC Int	48⅛	48⅜	K Mart	34⅜	34⅝	Travelers	34⅜	34⅞
CSX Cp	29⅝	30⅛	Kerr McGee	36⅝	36⅝	UAL Cp	103⅞	103½
Camp Soup	30⅜	30⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	55⅝	55⅝	USG Cp	4⅞	4⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞	Knight Ridr	45⅝	46⅛	USX Cp	27	26⅝
Caterpillar	63⅜	63⅝	Kraft	105	104⅜	Un Carbide	25⅛	25⅛
Centri SW	30⅝	30⅜	Kroger	16⅝	17	Un Pac Cp	61	61⅝
Champion	30⅛	30⅛	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅜	Unisys Cp	25⅝	26
Chase Man	27⅜	27⅜	Litton	71⅛	71⅛	Unit Brand	14	14⅛
Chem Bank	32⅜	32⅜	Lockheed	39⅛	39⅛	Us West	56⅝	57⅜
Chevron	45⅛	44⅛	Lone Star	29⅜	30⅝	Utd Tech	39⅝	39⅞
Chrysler	25⅛	25⅝	Man H'mer	28⅛	28⅜	Unocal	38	38⅛
Citicorp	25⅛	25⅛	Manville	1⅛	1⅛	Warn Lamb	73	74
Clark Eq	30⅛	30⅛	Mapco	51	51⅜	Wells Far	66¼	66⅛
Coca Cola	41⅞	42⅜	Marriott	29⅜	29⅞	Westg El	50⅜	51⅛
Colgate	42⅜	43⅛	Mk Marriete	40⅝	41⅛	Weyerhsr	24⅛	24⅛
Columb Gas	34⅛	34	Masco Cp	23⅞	24	Whirlpool	23⅞	24⅜
Cmb'tn Eng	26⅝	25⅞	Mcdonalds	46⅛	46⅛	Woolworth	50⅞	51⅛
Crowth Ed	32	32⅛	McDonnell	75⅞	76	Xerox Cp	55	55½
Cons Edis	44⅛	44⅞	Mead Cp	38⅛	39⅝	Zenith	18⅛	17⅝
Consol Ng	38⅜	38⅛	Merck	54⅜	55⅜			
Cont Data	18⅝	17⅞	Mrsta Mag	58⅝	59⅛			
Corning Gl	64⅛	65⅛	Mobil	43⅜	42⅞			
Crane	22⅛	22⅞	Monsanto	78⅛	79⅜			
Curtiss W	51⅜	51⅜	Monsadeco	n.a	14⅜			
Data Gent	17½	17⅞	Morgan Jp	34	34⅝			
Deere Co	47⅞	48½	Motorola	36⅝	37⅛			
Delta Air	47	47⅞	NCR	51⅝	52⅛			
Detroit Ed	15⅝	16	NL Indstrs	5⅝	6			
Digital Eq	90⅜	92⅜	Nat Md Ent	21	21⅛			
Disney	81⅞	82⅜	Nat Semi	8⅜	8⅛			
Dow Chem	63⅞	64⅜	Norfolk Sth	29⅝	30⅛			
Dresser Ind	26⅝	26⅝	NW Bancrp	32⅛	32			
Dupont	60	61	Occd Ped	25⅜	25⅝			
Duke Pwr	45	45⅜	Ogden Cp	28⅛	28⅝			
East Kodak	44⅝	45⅜	Olin Cp	45	45⅛			
Eaton Cp	51⅛	52	PPG Ind	37	37⅛			
Enserch Et	28⅞	29	Pac Entrp	36⅛	36⅝			
Emery Air	43⅜	43⅝	Pac Gas El	17⅜	17⅞			
Exxon	42	42⅛	Pan Am	2⅞	2⅝			
Farah Inc	7⅞	7⅞	Penney JC	51	52			

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		RIGHTS ISSUES	
Apollo Watch Prods	25½ –½	Rive (110p)	121
BMSS (118p)	118 –2	SCEcorp	£17½ –1.6
Buckmail Austr (110p)	110	SWAC Group (93p)	93
Builder Gp (125p)	156	SWP (20p)	26
Caldwell Inv	30 –1	Safeland	65 –1
Chieftain Group (92p)	101 –2	Specialeyes (77p)	67 –1
Colonade (138p)	136	Swallowfield (145p)	161
Com-Tek 16 1-2(p)	16	Unit Group	147 –1
Darby Group (115p)	140 –1	Whitegate Lea P/P	13 –½
Ew Fact	93 –2		
Edinburgh Hibernian (55p)	64		
Heritage (95p)	153		
Hi-Tech Sports (160p)	141		
Jersey Gen Inv Tr	490		
Joyes Group (140p)	181 –4		
Lincat Group (115p)	170		
Melville Group (120p)	122		
Nat Telecom (120p)	134½		
Newzealand Inv (100p)	95		
Portmnon Pots (180p)	183		
Racal Telecom (170p)	158½ –2		

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon ('455)	420	48	64	–	4½	10	–
	460	22	38	50	16	24	34
	500	8½	21	33	45	48	53
Brit Air ('154)	140	17	23	–	2½	5½	–
	150	8	10	15	12	15	18
	160	1	4½	6	28	30	32
Brit Com ('229)	220	14	25	28	3	9	10
	240	6	13	16	14	17	20
	260	2	8	12	34	34	35
BP ('247)	220	31	34	37	1¼	4½	6
	240	14	17½	23	4¾	12	13½
	260	5	7½	13½	13½	24	26
Bass ('776)	750	37	60	82	16	25	25
	800	13	35	55	50	52	55
	850	3	17	32	100	100	102
C & W ('356)	360	17	28	40	16	34	36
	390	7	15	25	43	47	50
	420	3	7	17	68	70	72
Cons Gold ('1191)	1150	105	150	200	50	78	100
	1200	75	125	165	70	105	120
	1250	52	105	–	105	135	–
Courtauld ('262)	260	6	14	18	22	34	31
	300	2½	8	11	41	43	47
	330	1	3	5	71	71	75
Com Union ('321)	300	32	40	44	3	10	13
	330	10	20	28	15	23	28
	360	4	8	17	40	48	50
GKN ('313)	300	23	31	39	7	13	16
	330	7	14	22	21	29	31
	360	2	5	12	49	53	55
Grand Met ('446)	420	36	43	57	4	13	16½
	454	16	23	–	15	28	–
	493	4	10	–	49	58	–
ICI ('966)	950	48	67	–	18	37	–
	1000	23	40	–	45	65	–
	1050	10	22	–	87	102	–
	1100	4	11	35	137	150	155
Jaguar ('288)	240	37	42	50	4	8	11
	260	18	26	33	8	15	20
	280	9½	15	20	17	28	30
Land Sec ('578)	500	88	107	–	1½	4	–
	550	42	62	75	8	12	18
	600	15	33	45	30	32	40
M & S ('149)	140	13	20	23	2	5	7
	160	4	8	11	13	14½	16
	180	1½	4	6	33	33	34
STC ('265)	260	16	21	31	10	14	16
	280	7	13	21	22	25	28
	300	3	7	13	38	42	43
Salesbury ('205)	180	26	32	37	1½	3½	7
	200	11	18	24	7	10	13
	220	3	9	15	21	22	25
Shell ('968)	950	53	83	100	11	30	32
	1000	31	60	78	38	55	57
	1050	14	38	47	85	88	88
Storehse ('221)	180	60	65	72	1	5	7
	180	44	46	58	4	9	13
	200	28	37	44	12	17	20
Tesalgar ('318)	280	32	38	–	3	7	–
	300	14	22	28	10	16	20
	330	3½	10	15	34	34	38
Utd Biscs ('286)	280	20	32	36	2	10	21
	300	9	20	27	22	27	32
	330	4	12	17	50	52	52
Ultramar ('249)	216	42	50	–	5	12	–
	235	26	38	–	12	18	–
	255	16	28	–	22	29	–
Woolworth ('254)	240	22	30	32	5	9	13
	260	10	18	25	12	20	27
	280	5	11	16	31	35	38

	Series	Calls Jan	Mar	Jun	Puts Jan	Mar	Jun
GEC ('172)	140	35	38	–	1	2	–
	160	17	21	23	4	6½	8
	180	5½	12	14	12½	17	19

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jun	Puts Jan	Apr	Jun
R-Royce ('129)	120	14	19	–	2½	4	–
	130	7½	12	14	5½	8	10
	140	3	7	10	13	13	15
TSB ('108)	100	10	11	–	1½	3½	–
	110	4	6	9	6	7	8
	120	1	3½	5½	14	16	16

	Series	Calls Feb	Apr	Jul	Puts Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke ('440)	390	61	–	–	3	–	–
	420	38	45	52	7	11	16
	460	14	21	30	26	29	34

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero ('429)	420	34	42	–	14	23	–
	460	15	23	40	38	48	53
	500	6½	11	23	74	75	83
BAA ('298)	280	19	29	36	7	10	13
	280	8	16	24	16	20	22
	300	4	9	–	35	35	–
BAT Ind ('434)	420	34	43	50	9	16	21
	460	12½	20	28	31	37	41
	500	4½	9½	–	67	70	–
Brit Tele ('253)	220	35	41	–	2	4	–
	240	18	26	27	6½	8	13
	260	8	14	17	16	19	23
Cadbury ('340)	330	28	37	52	12	22	24
	360	15	26	36	30	40	42
	390	9	16	25	54	56	60
Guinness ('329)	300	40	44	54	2	5	8
	330	16	24	34	13	17	18
	360	6	10	17	34	38	38
LASMO ('457)	460	43	58	73	28	38	45
	500	25	40	55	50	60	67
	550	13	25	–	90	93	–
P & O ('553)	500	72	80	–	4	8	–
	550	32	42	52	15	28	28
	600	13	18	30	53	60	62

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Pilkington ('213)	200	20	28	30	5	8	10
	220	9	16	17	13	15	19
	240	3	8	10	30	31	33
Plessey ('215)	140	75	80	–	½	1	–
	160	55	60	–	1	2	–
	180	37	45	–	2½	6½	–
Prudential ('147)	140	14	17	17	4	7	7
	160	3	7	9	15	17	18
	180	1	3	–	35	36	–
Racal ('261)	300	6	13	18	44	47	50
	330	2	7	–	71	73	–
	360	1	3½	–	101	102	–
RTZ ('440)	390	63	77	–	7	11	–
	420	42	55	65	17	21	24
	460	19	33	42	33	40	43
Vast Resrs ('577)	6018½	20	22	1½	3	5	
	70	10	12	15	5½	7	9½
	80	5	8	9	10	13	15

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad ('180)	180	3	9	16	21	24	26
	200	1	4½	8	36	39	41
	220	1	2	4	56	59	61
Barclays ('414)	360	58	–	–	1	–	–
	395	27	–	–	2½	–	–
	429	4	–	–	16	–	–
Blue Circ ('427)	420	14	32	36	8	16	24
	460	3	14	20	40	43	46
	500	1	7	10	80	80	84
Dixons ('145)	140	9	17	22	3½	9	12
	160	1½	8	12	18	21	24
	180	1	3½	–	38	39	–
Glaxo ('1056)	1050	34	85	–	29	45	–
	1100	11	58	87	57	70	80
	1150	4	39	65	102	104	107
Hawker ('529)	500	33	57	67	5	12	17
	550	6	25	37	28	35	43
	600	2	10	18	75	80	85
Hillsdown ('259)	260	6	17	22	5	11	13
	280	1½	8	12	22	23	24
	300	½	3	–	46	43	–
Lonhro ('379)	360	36	56	66	3	28	28
	390	20	39	50	22	44	50
	420	9	27	40	66	64	72
Midland ('412)	390	28	46	45	3	12	15
	420	5	22	30	15	30	30
	460	1½	7	15	50	60	62
Sears ('125)	120	8½	17	19	3	8	10
	130	4½	10	14	9½	12	14½
	140	2½	7	10	18	18½	21
THF ('260)	240	24	32	41	2	9	12
	260	11	20	31	8	18	22
	280	3½	12½	21	22	31	34
Thorn EMI ('645)	600	53	65	85	4	10	14
	650	14	33	53	17	28	32
	700	3	15	30	58	60	70
Wellcome ('438)	450	6	25	35	28	34	37
	500	1½	12	23	67	67	67
	550	1	4	11	117	117	117

	Series	Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Boots ('218)	200	20	33	40	1	6½	10
	220	7	19	28	8	14	18
	240	2	12	17	24	26	28

	Series	Calls Jan	Mar	Jun	Puts Jan	Mar	Jun
Brit Gas ('157)	140	18½	21	24	1	2½	3¼
	160	4	7	10½	7½	8½	9
	180	¼	2¾	5	26	26	26½

	Series	Calls Jan	Jan	Puts Jan	Jan
RMC ('353)	330	32	–	5	–
	360	15	–	19	–
	390	8	–	43	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jul	Puts Dec	Mar	Jul
Beecham ('452)	420	37	54	66	2½	8	15
	460	9	29	43	16	23	30
	500	2	12	26	56	60	65
Unilever ('443)	420	27	47	59	3	9	13
	460	5½	22	34	23	29	35
	500	1½	10	19	63	65	66

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	May	Puts Dec	Mar	May
BTR ('285)	260	29	38	–	1	3½	–
	280	11	24	26	3½	8½	13
	300	3½	13½	15½	16	20	23
Hanson ('152)	120	32½	–	–	½	1½	–
	140	12	15½	18½	1	3½	5
	160	1½	5½	7½	13½	16	16½
Tesco ('132)	130	6	13	14	3	6	9
	140	2	6	8	9	13	15
	150	1	2	3½	29	29	30

	Series	Nov	Jan	Mar	Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise ('502)	550	20	35	–	58	67	–
	600	10	21	–	105	112	–
	650	6	13	–	155	155	–
Scot & New ('394)	390	24	35	–	13	21	–
	420	10	20	–	30	40	–
	460	3	12	–	70	72	–

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Tr 12% ('105)	106	–	–	–	–	1½	–
	110	–	½	–	4½	4½	–
	112	–	–	–	–	–	–

FT-SE INDEX ('1784)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	May	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1700	85	100	113	120	1	9	19	32	
1750	35	62	72	83	2	18	32	38	
1800	5	30	41	53	20	37	50	57	
1850	1	12	22	35	66	70	83	87	
1900	⅛	4	10	16	120	119	136	132	
1950	⅛	2	5	9	172	183	186	178	

November 28, 1988 Total: 47924 Calls 24079 Puts 23455
*Underlying security price. FT-SE: Calls 3092 Puts 3998

Three days to go.

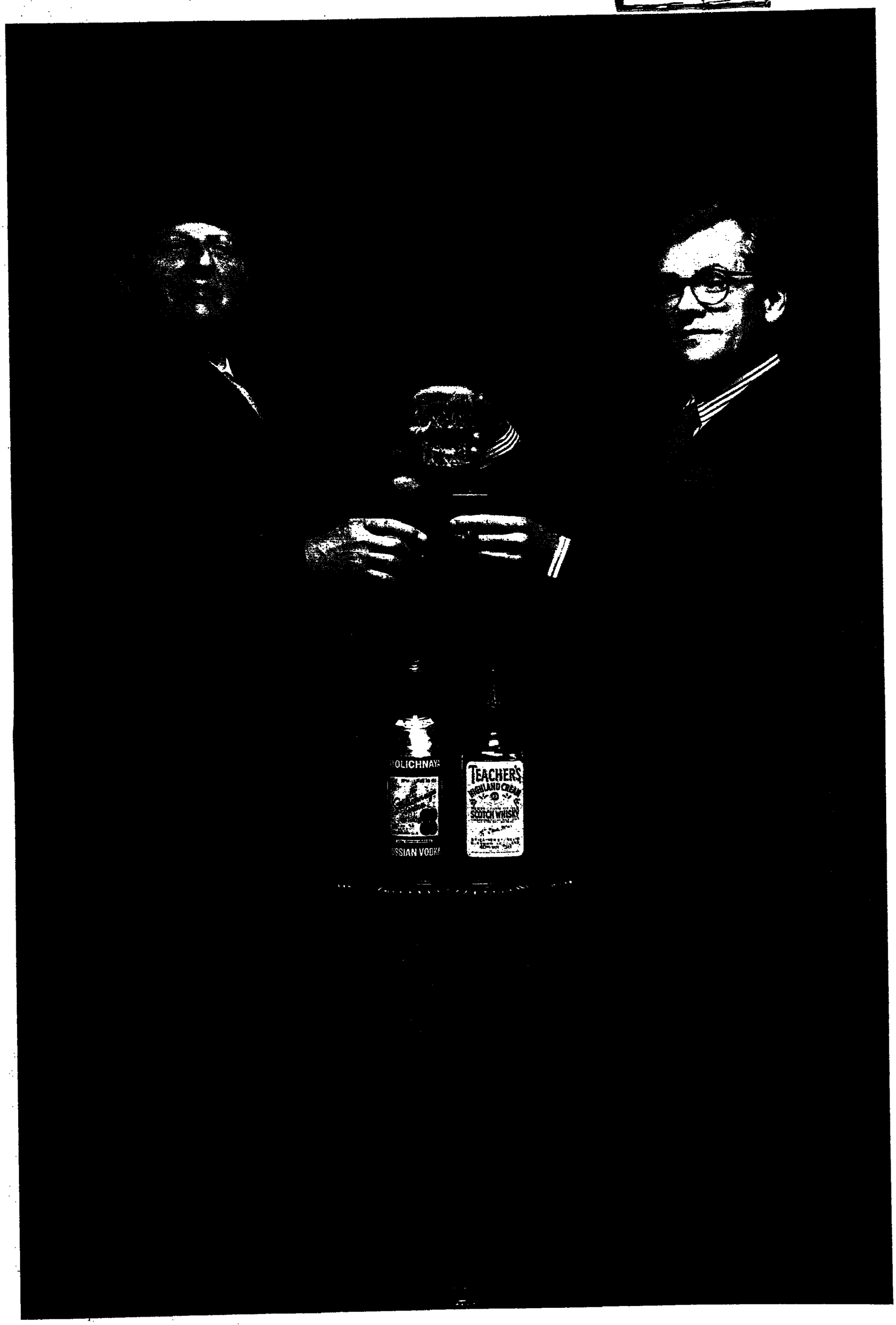
You now have only three days left to apply for shares in British Steel. Applications must be received by 10am on Friday 2nd December. Prospectuses with application forms are available in all branches of Lloyds Bank (or the Bank of Ireland in Northern Ireland) and main branches of the National Westminster Bank and the Bank of Scotland. Application forms are also published in selected national newspapers. The minimum application level is £500 and payment is in two instalments, the first being £240.

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ALLIED LYONS

BUSINESS LETTERS

Protecting markets, not protectionism

From the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry

Sir, In his letter on foreign takeovers (November 15), Mr Steve Maslin commented that my winding-up speech at Torquay did not account for the benefits which foreign acquirers might bring to the UK economy. He also suggested that I was advocating a large dose of new regulations for business. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Few serious commentators challenge the view that foreign investment, whether by the creation of new assets or the acquisition of existing ones, has brought important benefits to the UK economy in the shape of jobs, effective management and new technology. Many UK companies in West European, American and Japanese ownership are members of the CBI and by their business performance and contribution to our affairs supply proof of those benefits on a daily basis. Indeed, as a director of McKinsey and Co I was personally responsible for advising Nissan on whether to invest in Britain – an investment that has been a success for all the stakeholders concerned.

There is another reason why it would be foolish to paint ourselves into a protectionist corner, which I mentioned in my speech: the size of our business stake abroad. Britain's businesses are major investors and acquirers abroad, in North America in particular. The UK's private direct investment (non-bank assets) overseas was valued at £86,350 million in 1987.

But it would be unwise to assume that the future will be like the past. My proposals were designed to address the future problems that seem certain to follow from the combination of the open and depressed state of the London financial markets and the fears in North America and the Pacific basin of a Fortress Europe, fuelled by the prospect of 1992. The result is likely to be a rush to buy a position in the Community; and there is only one place where these purchases can take place at present: London.

It is particularly important now that the London financial markets have the time and information needed to make the decisions that will determine our economic future. Unfortunately, recent events have not exactly engendered confidence in the willingness or ability of the markets to take a long or considered view. The rush to sell is not just unseemly; it is frequently unwise also. Hence my proposals, which are designed to enhance the effectiveness of the markets, while leaving London the only open financial market in the Community.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. M. BANHAM,
CBI, Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street,
London WC1.
November 22.

Policing the City

From Mary Venning

Sir, Trading on its "my word is my bond" reputation, the City has for many years fended off legal interference in its activities, claiming that fair play could be assured by self-regulation.

Last week, when City institutions, acting on behalf of Elders IXL, bought 35 million shares in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries after the Elders bid was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, they did so in contravention of well-established understandings between the DTI and the City.

Lord Young described this event as "extremely regrettable".

Elders and its City advisers have defended their action on the basis that what they did was "not illegal". In doing so they clearly indicated that the only authority they are prepared to accept as a constraint on their behaviour is that of the law.

In such circumstances, the case for legal regulation of the City becomes irrefutable.

Yours faithfully,
MARY VENNING,
52 Daisy Bank Road,
Victoria Park,
Longsight,
Manchester.
November 14.

Cutting costs for the small investor

From The Rev David Barnes

Sir, In continuing its now well-established policy of the privatization of the national utilities, it is presumably the Government's intention also to pursue its "wider share ownership" philosophy, and encourage consumers of water and electricity to become shareholders in their suppliers' companies.

For many small investors, however, the incentive to purchase shares has been much minimized by experience. The minimum commission charge for selling shares, whether by bank or broker, is about £25 and to cover this and inflation there clearly has to be a very considerable increase in the value of the shares; in many cases money would have been better left invested in a building society account.

If the intended future sales are to reach the popular market, it would surely be to the Government's advantage to make special arrangements for a less costly way of dealing in small quantities – possibly through Girobank?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BARNES,
St Peter's House,
Minster-in-Sheppy, Kent.
November 23.

Wise words for Abbey National

From Mr Bryan Samain

Sir, The board of Abbey National should heed the words of the Governor of the Bank of England (November 22), that "he was pleased so few societies seemed to want to convert into public companies and become banks . . . a complex move involving many risks".

In a letter in the same issue Mr R McCullough comments on "the reduction in business turnover by small investors on the Stock Exchange . . . hence the large increase in building society deposits and the recent 'thumbs down' as to whether building societies should become plcs".

The connection between the governor's warning and your correspondent's wise observations on the present anxieties of the small investor is indeed clear. It is not too late for the Abbey National board to change its mind. It would seem, in fact, to be in the public interest for it to do so.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN SAMAIN,
33 Warwick Gardens,
Worthing, West Sussex.
November 22.

STOCK MARKET

Profit warning hits Amstrad

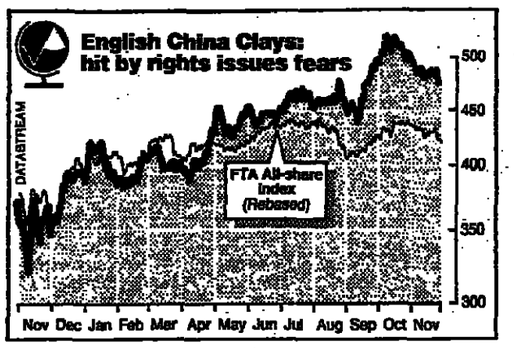
Mr Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad, took another beating from City analysts last night following a warning about first-half profits at the group's annual meeting yesterday.

The Amstrad share price finished 8p lower at 155p after he called the analysts into a back room to confirm recent fears that they had had about production problems during the first six months of the current year.

He gave a warning that deliveries of Amstrad's new video camera had been delayed as had its new hi-fi system. But the biggest problem had been the manufacture and supply of its video recorders where an estimated £25 million to £28 million has already been lost.

Peek, the fast-growing electronics group, rose against the trend by 2p to 37p. Whispers in the market claim that the group has landed another lucrative contract, which will be announced soon. Last week, Laurence Prust, the broker, published a bullish report, rating the shares as a buy.

As a result, the analysts reached for their red pens, wiping millions of pounds from their original estimates. Hoare Govett, the broker, reduced its forecast by £18 million to £172 million compared with £160.4 million last time, while its rival, James Capel, which had also been looking for £190 million, is now said to have reduced its estimate to £165 million. Other brokers have followed suit. Mr Rod Collins, an electronics analyst at Kleinwort Benson, has also cut his target from £190 million to £175 million – but he says that the worst is out of the way.



He said: "The share price has underperformed 25 per cent in recent weeks. The way it fell, you could tell something was up. It is one of the cheapest shares in the Footsie, but you are not going to see them much cheaper".

He says that the problem has been supply and not demand and he is urging shareholders to wait and see how the interim figures turn out.

He added: "You are not going to see a dramatic bounce. The share price will certainly be higher this time next year".

The rest of the equity market continued to reel from last week's dismal trade figures and the rise in interest rates. Prices remained in retreat for much of the day but closed above their worst after learning of the half-point increase in US prime rate to 10 per cent and the rally on Wall Street. Selling pressure remained light.

Liquidity is high and the institutions are proving reluctant to draw their spare cash out of the bank. By the close, the FT-SE 100 had reduced a 20-point fall to 13.2 at 1,781.5. But the lack of support means that dealers can expect conditions to remain nervous in the short-term. The narrower FT 30 index fell 9.7 to 1,452.9.

Government securities remained dull, finishing with losses of more than £½ as the Bank of England sold sterling.

Among the leaders, Allied-Lyons, the subject of comment in *Tempus* yesterday, advanced 5p to 466p ahead of today's interim figures. The market is looking for pre-tax profits of between £220 million and £230 million.

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian brewer, continues to cling on to 11 per cent of the shares and, judging by the resilience of the Allied price, few speculators are worried about the controversy over his finances.

The building sector came under the hammer with dealers clearly worried about the impact of higher interest rates. The developers will be reluctant to borrow more money at present levels and this will eventually mean a slow-down in new projects. Market-makers ran their red pens through most of the leaders, concerned by the appearance of a few sellers.

One of the early casualties was **English China Clays** which continued to lose ground throughout the day, closing 22p lower at 450p, as almost 2 million shares were traded. This was prompted by talk in the market-place that the group was thinking about raising between £200 million and £300 million by a rights issue which would accompany its full-year figures, expected next month.

High-flyer Storehouse clawed back a 9p fall to close a net 2p down at 219p. There was speculation in the market that the group is looking for a white knight to take a 20 per cent-plus stake to help fend off any unwanted bids. But Storehouse says there is no truth in the story.

Last year, ECC made an abortive bid for Bryant Holdings. Now there is talk that it may be hitting the acquisition trail again. Moreover, the group has been the subject of persistent bid talk itself – with RTZ often mentioned as a suitor.

Dealers are also worried about the effects of a strong pound on ECC's profits. Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits for the full year of £152 million compared with £117.9 million last time. A big final dividend is also expected, yielding more than 3 per cent on its own.

ECC is heavily involved in the building industry with its own building and building supplies division.

Other builders to finish with losses included *Costain*, 21p to 301p, **Crest Nicholson**, 8p to 183p, **Higgs & Hill**, 11p to 326p, **John Laing** ordinary, 6p to 286p and the "A," 7p to 285p, **Persimmon**, 7p to 140p, **Taylor Woodrow**, 11p to 585p and **George Wimpey**, 9p to 234p.

The retail sector continued to suffer from last week's *move* towards dearer money despite the news of Boots's agreed, £41 million bid for its rival, **Underwoods**, up 63p at 154p.

Dealers here are worried that higher interest rates could hit spending in the shops in the run-up to Christmas, while in America brokers are already claiming that pre-Christmas sales have failed to meet expectations.

Falls were recorded among most of the leading retailers, although selling remained light. **Marks and Spencer** slipped 1½p to 149p, **Burton Group**, 3p to 179p, **Next**, 6p to 155p, and **Ratners**, 3p to 187p. There were also losses for **WH Smith** "A," 2p to 244p, after 243p, **Woolworth**, 8p to 253p and **Lowndes Queensway**, 3p to a fresh low of 56p. The Lowndes' share price is now almost half of what it stood at in August following the £450 million bid from Mr Jimmy Gulliver's consortium.

Michael Clark

Life insurers 'could face predators' after 1992

By Colin Narbrough



McNamara: 1992 a priority

British life insurers must make planning for the single European market their top priority, if they want to avoid becoming the targets of predatory bids from their Continental competitors, according to Mr Paul McNamara, head of Ernst & Whinney's insurance industry group.

Commenting on a survey the international accountancy group published yesterday, he said other leading European insurers, such as Allianz of West Germany, and Winterthur of Switzerland, were already putting their 1992 strategies into effect.

He urged immediate action by British insurers once the European Economic Community directive on life insurance is published. The directive for non-life insurance has already been issued.

Though life insurers appear hamstrung by the lack of an EEC directive, the survey indicates that many life firms have no intention to sell cross-frontier, but will instead establish local operations in other member states.

Many British companies expect 1992 to have some negative impact on London as the European insurance centre, and Mr McNamara hoped that recognition of that threat will bring a sense of urgency to brokers and underwriters.

While a quarter of respondents see the City's position under "serious threat", one in six expects no erosion of London's position, making it uncertain how much Continental firms will encroach on British territory.

Mr McNamara said 1992 was forcing companies to rethink their strategies, both to make the most of the opportunities arising, and to remain competitive in the face of growing competition across the European market.

More than half the insurance companies and brokers in Britain see opportunities for expansion, but only one in 10 has completed a strategic review for 1992.

Fall in world merchant fleet

The world merchant ship fleet declined in the year to end-June to 403.4 million gross tonnes, after growing by 1.4 million tonnes the previous year. Britain's fleet fell by about 250,000 tonnes, according to Lloyd's Register of Shipping statistical tables. The Department of Transport and General Council of British Shipping said British shipping earned £3.3 billion in 1986.

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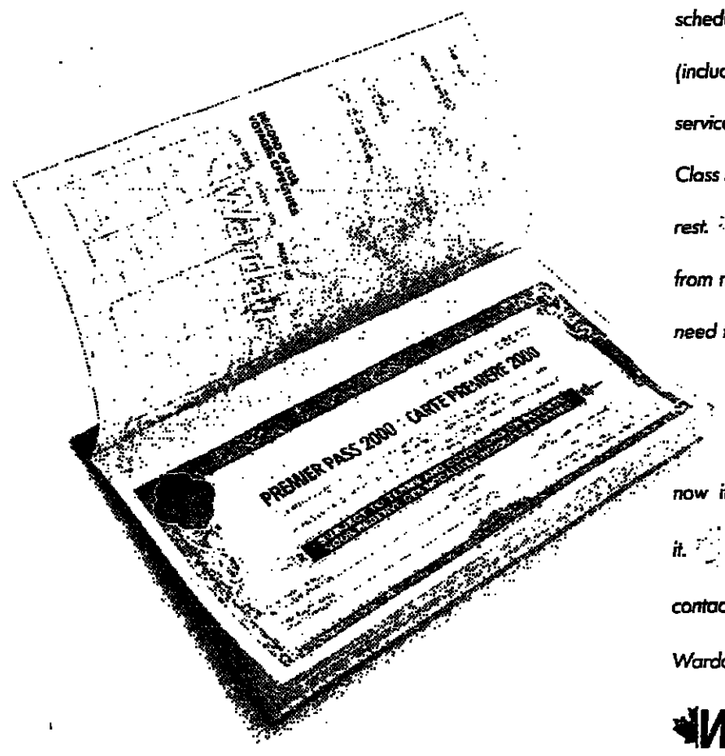
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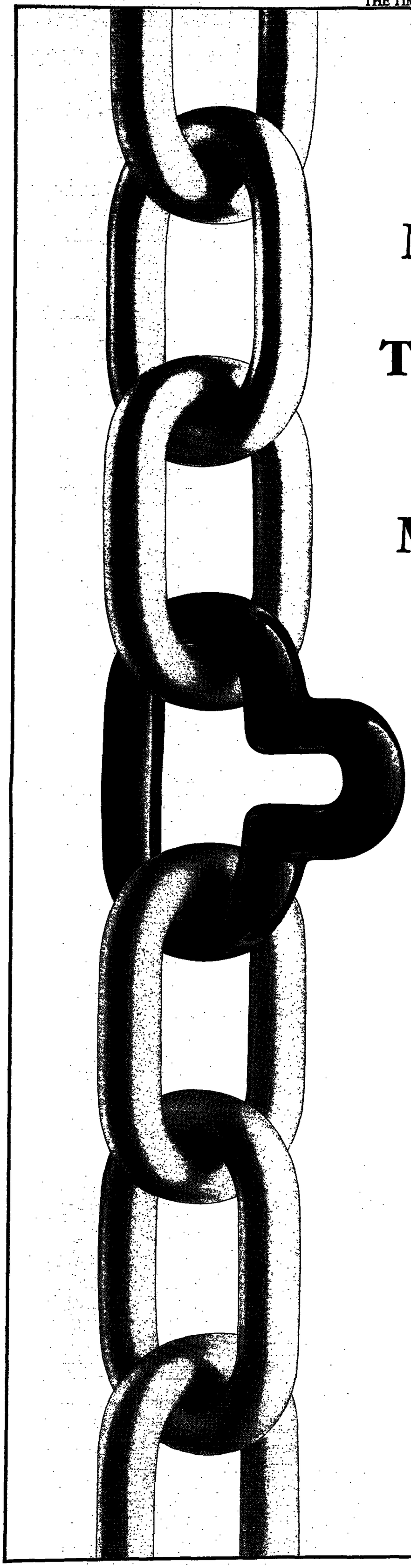
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Far East Tst	110.8	125.5	-0.95	0.22
Intl Gth	55.25	58.78	-0.96	2.04
European Tst	41.79	44.46	-0.71	1.90

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 2SD Tel: 0203 553231

UK Gth Acc	172.8	183.9e	-2.2	3.81
Inc Acc	140.7	149.7e	-2.7	3.81
Higher Inc Acc	325.6	346.7e	-6.1	4.96
Do Inc	240.8	256.2e	-4.5	4.96
Gilts & Fxd Acc	112.5	118.3	-0.8	9.08
Do Inc	80.91	86.03	-0.55	9.08
N Amer Acc	100.4	106.8e	-1.0	0.41
Far East Acc	206.7	222.1e	-4.2	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	141.5	150.7	-1.8	0.00
Gen Tst	246.6	262.4	-3.8	4.13
Int Excell	38.85	41.12e	-0.76	3.38
Br Fdmds Inc	47.86	50.92	-0.59	6.43
Do Acc	49.39	52.55	-0.64	6.43

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	60.63	64.85e	-0.33	0.65
UK Inc Fd	89.72	94.58	-2.71	5.54
Far East Fd	58.62	62.37	-2.28	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.62	62.66c	-0.46	4.56
Fxd Interest	53.27	56.45c	-0.75	9.86
Natural Res Fd	54.24	58.01	+0.47	2.06
European Inc	64.15	68.58	-1.44	3.36
Financials Fd	49.01	48.14	-0.82	2.47
Ind Tech Fd	93.68	99.13	-1.65	0.60
UK Gth	64.64	69.13	-2.51	2.32
US Major	41.76	44.41e	-0.29	0.97

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
1000, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3133

Balan Gth Acc	65.26	70.43	+3.76	1.25
Do Inc	53.18	57.21	-1.20	1.25
Hi Yield Acc	29.53	31.41	-0.26	5.76
Do Inc	27.11	28.84	-0.25	5.70
Inc Gth Acc	56.59	59.14c	-1.16	5.00
Do Inc	47.63	50.67c	-0.97	5.00
Serv Co Acc	67.01	71.29e	-1.19	1.50
Do Inc	55.13	59.29e	-1.15	1.50
Amer Gth Acc	22.31	23.73	-0.10	0.50
Do Inc	22.06	23.48	-0.09	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.00	18.09	-0.29	0.20
Do Inc	16.81	17.89	-0.29	0.20

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

American	95.04	101.5e	-1.18	0.76
Amer Equ Inc	25.20	26.74e	-0.35	5.83
Amer Spec Sit	47.70	50.48	-0.37	0.00
Australia	25.18	26.78	-0.87	1.74
European	63.51	67.56	-0.84	..
European Inc	21.26	22.63	-0.31	4.10
Global Conv	21.10	22.37	-0.19	5.66
Far East	35.10	38.49	-1.24	0.16
Gl/Fxd Interest	39.88	29.29e	-0.26	9.96
Growth & Inc	115.2	122.6c	-1.9	4.54
Japan Spec Sit	73.01	77.58	-1.47	..
Japan	157.8	167.9	+4.0	..
Managed Inst	119.2	126.8	-2.1	0.21
Inc Plus	103.9	111.5c	-1.7	5.30
Famous Name	39.85	42.71	-0.97	1.85
SE Asia	40.07	42.62	-0.65	0.72
Special Sits	29.00	30.85	-0.50	0.00
Eastern Opps	22.55	23.99	-0.29	0.00
Intl Bond	23.82	25.26e	-0.18	7.35
Recovery	27.65	29.54	-0.56	2.31
Moneybroker	25.73	27.42	-0.34	2.30
Euro Ops 1992	..	..	..	..

FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181
Amer Smlr Co 60.60 64.44 -1.13 ..
Do Acc 160.9 170.9 -1.2 ..
Amer Turn Inc 185.9 198.7 -1.6 ..
Capital Inc 182.6 294.1 -0.9 ..
Do Acc 321.4 340.1 -8.2 2.23
Conv/Gilt Inc 104.9 110.9 -1.0 6.25
Do Acc 150.2 158.9 -1.4 6.25
Euro Smlr Inc 60.50 64.32 -0.56 0.61
Do Acc 60.50 64.02 -0.56 0.61
Extra Inc Inc 235.0 248.6 -4.5 5.13
Do Acc 235.0 248.6 -4.5 5.13
Financial Acc 43.62 46.47e -0.49 0.98
Do Inc 43.52 46.05e -0.49 0.98
Income Tst 157.4 166.5e -3.7 4.52
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Smaller Inc 57.57 60.92 -0.64 2.95
Do Acc 58.57 61.97 -0.64 2.95

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622

Equity Trust	118.3	125.2	-1.3	3.05
Do Acc	418.0	440.9e	-1.34	3.05
Euro Gth Dist	60.35	64.03	+0.20	0.53
Do Acc	60.72	64.42	+0.21	0.53
Fxd Interest Di	112.4	118.3e	-0.80	10.22
Do Acc	151.8	159.8e	-0.40	7.64
Int Gth Dist	64.71	68.05e	+0.12	0.55
Do Acc	65.04	68.40c	+0.12	0.55
Man Inc Dist	112.4	118.3	-0.59	5.00
Do Acc	108.6	112.8	-0.19	1.28
Pac Basin Dist	167.0	158.4	+0.63	0.19
Do Acc	167.2	158.7	+0.62	0.19
Steward Dist	234.8	246.9e	-0.96	1.50
Do Acc	249.9	264.8e	-0.92	1.50
Steward Inc Di	60.42	64.04e	-0.03	3.85
Do Acc	62.37	66.10e	+0.06	3.85
N Am Gwth Di	51.17	54.16	-0.04	0.91
Do Acc	51.17	54.16	-0.04	0.91

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Sp Sits	58.07	54.4	+0.03	0.00
UK Inc Fund	128.3	137.3	-2.0	3.15
Do Acc	192.2	205.6	-2.7	3.15
Do Spec Sits	54.09	57.86	-0.50	1.82
Income Fd	100.6	107.7	-1.7	5.70
International	115.8	124.0	-2.4	1.16
US & General	39.82	42.51	+0.69	1.07
Japan & Gen	294.4	314.9	-4.7	0.31
Far East Gen	121.7	130.2e	-1.7	0.22
European Fd	141.5	151.4	-3.7	0.22
Germany Fd	56.73	60.32	-1.28	2.08
Intl Inc Fd	47.50	50.81	-0.66	5.16
Wld Spec Sit	58.65	62.70	-0.93	4.80
Global Pro Inc	47.84	51.17	-0.79	3.05
Do Acc	47.84	51.17	-0.79	3.05

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2Y 9AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800

UK Gth Tsts	67.16	72.02	-1.65	2.67
Brdsh Acc	56.22	60.28	-1.39	2.67
Do Dist	54.21	35.68	-0.13	3.30
Chen UK Gth	267.7	278.8e	..	1.66
Man Exmpt	67.20	72.05	-1.00	2.49
Do Acc	127.4	136.6	-1.90	2.49
UK Sel Opps	62.79	67.33	..	0.00
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	58.42	62.69	-1.10	6.40
Fxd Interest	28.60	30.59e	+0.23	7.94
High Income	30.20	32.29	-0.57	5.17
Income	99.93	106.5	-1.95	3.49
Intl Fxd Int	22.82	24.03	-1.28	7.49
International Tsts				
Commod Shre	56.69	60.52	-0.32	1.87
Frontier Mkts	24.86	26.47	-0.26	0.29
Global	145.0	155.1e	..	1.19
Do Dist	145.0	154.2e	-2.27	0.90
Glob Inc/Gth	68.16	72.66	-0.79	4.55
Gold Share	13.61	14.58e	-0.04	2.05
Intl Sel Opps	101.9	108.0	-1.72	1.38
Wwide Recov	85.75	91.71	-1.18	1.53

GLOVETT (LIONEL) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-526 0626

Intl Gth	88.92	94.59	-1.58	1.11
American Gth	54.05	57.50	-0.18	0.82
American Inc	58.46	60.09	-0.29	4.41
Europ Gth	47.51	50.66e	+0.63	1.17
Gold & Metals	44.72	47.57	-0.43	0.72
Japan Gth	86.80	71.06e	-1.66	..
Pacific Inc	86.46	91.96	-1.92	2.77
Pacific Smlr	41.97	44.64	-0.81	0.41
UK Prop Inc	69.26	73.70e	-1.49	4.60
UK Spec Opps	141.6	150.6	-3.48	1.46
Gt Britain	37.55	39.94	-0.65	2.45
UK Sml Co	36.34	38.65e	-2.03	1.76

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-626 0500

Gl/Fxd Interest	112.8	117.2	-0.8	9.52
Gth Equity	241.0	255.0e	-1.9	0.00
Guarantd	324.5	336.2	-5.3	3.26
Income Tst	98.1	103.8	-2.9	4.49
Int Tst	107.5	113.7	-1.7	0.38
Pacific Equity	171.7	178.0e	-2.1	2.74
Prop Shares	358.3	379.2	-0.8	2.12
Smaller Co	294.5	301.3e	-4.4	1.91
European Tst	251.6	266.2c	-4.0	1.32

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333

Global Gth	41.01	43.63e	-0.66	0.80
High Income	89.89	95.63e	-2.31	5.36
N American	104.0	111.7	-0.6	0.63
Pacific Gth	84.03	89.41	-0.48	0.00
Recovery	324.4	345.2e	-5.7	2.17
Sterling	101.2	107.7	-2.0	5.62
Sterling Inc	101.9	108.4	-2.0	5.62
Eastern Opps	22.55	23.99	-0.29	0.00
Intl Bond	23.82	25.26e	-0.18	7.35
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Fxd Interest Di	112.4	118.3e	-0.80	10.22
Do Acc	151.8	159.8e	-0.40	7.64
Int Gth Dist	64.71	68.05e	+0.12	0.55
Do Acc	65.04	68.40c	+0.12	0.55
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Do Acc	62.37	66.10e	+0.06

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Poor start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end December 9. §Contango day December 12. Settlement day December 19. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	SA Breweries	Breweries	
2	Allied-Lyons (aa)	Breweries	
3	Collins (Wm) 'A'	Newspapers,Pub	
4	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
5	Highland Dist	Breweries	
6	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
7	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
8	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
9	Belhaven	Breweries	
10	HTV Group	Leisure	
11	Bellwinch	Building,Roads	
12	Five Oaks	Property	
13	Sheraton Secs	Property	
14	Richard (Leics)	Industrials L-R	
15	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
16	Herring Son	Property	
17	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
18	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
19	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
20	Provident	Banks,Discount	
21	Waterglade	Property	
22	FKB	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Frogmore	Property	
24	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
25	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
26	Howden	Industrials E-K	
27	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
28	Gr Portland	Property	
29	Lancaster	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Waumough	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
32	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
33	Fitch Lovell	Foods	
34	NSM	Building,Roads	
35	Brixton	Property	
36	Close Bros	Banks,Discount	
37	Ashley Group	Foods	
38	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	Foods	
39	Wheseoe	Industrials S-Z	
40	Plexton	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Worrester	Industrials S-Z	
42	Brent Chems	Chemicals,Plas	
43	Trieflus	Industrials S-Z	
44	Chrysalis	Leisure	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
102⅝	99⅞	Treas 11¾% 1989	99⅞		..	11.5 12.832
103¾	99	Treas 10½% 1989	99	● ..	..	10.5 12.497
102	98⅜	Exch 10¾% 1989	98⅝		-⅛	10.9 12.640
104⅜	94⅛	Exch 10¾% 1989	99¼		..	10.4 12.045
103¾	94⅛	Exch 11% 1989	98⅜		-⅛	11.1 12.416
97¾	92¾	Treas 5% 1986-89	95		..	5.3 10.778
101¾	94	Treas C 9¼% 1989	98⅞		..	9.3 12.471
97⅝	95¾	Treas 3% 1989	96⅝		..	3.1 10.163
102¾	95¾	Treas 8% 1989	96¾		-⅛	8.2 10.117
107¾	101¾	Treas 13¾ 1990	101¾		-⅛	12.6 11.799
104⅝	98	Exch 11¾ 1990	98		-⅛	11.4 11.699
107¾	100⅜	Exch 12¼% 1990	100⅜		-⅛	12.3 11.768
93¾	89⅝	Treas 3% 1990	90⅝		-⅛	3.3 9.818
98¾	93⅝	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	95¾		-⅛	8.6 11.180
103⅜	99⅝	Treas 10% 1990	97⅞		-⅛	10.2 11.525
91⅜	87⅜	Exch 9¾% 1990	87⅝		-⅛	2.5 9.155
105¾	99⅜	Treas C 10% 1991	99⅝		-⅛	10.1 10.692
107¾	100⅜	Treas 11¾% 1991	100¼		-⅛	11.7 11.593
104⅝	99	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	99⅝		-⅛	5.3 10.213
107¾	95⅞	Exch 11% 1991	99¾		-⅛	11.0 11.197
90¾	85⅝	Treas 3% 1991	86		-⅛	3.4 9.002
96¾	89⅜	Treas 8% 1991	91⅝		-⅛	8.2 11.220
113¾	104¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	104¾		-⅛	12.2 11.022
104¾	97¾	Treas 10% 1992	97¾		-⅛	10.2 11.054
106¾	99⅝	Treas C10¼% 1992	99⅝		-⅛	10.6 11.061
99⅞	92¾	Treas 9% 1992	92⅝		-⅛	9.1 11.009
98¾	89⅝	Treas 8% 1992	91⅛		-⅛	8.7 11.032
112¾	103⅜	Exch 12¾% 1992	103¾		-⅛	11.9 11.080
117¾	107¾	Exch 13¼% 1992	107¾		..	11.039
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
97⅛	91	Treas 8¾% 1993	91		-⅛	9.0 10.915
105⅝	93¾	Treas 10% 1993	97¼		-⅛	10.2 10.750
115⅝	105¾	Treas 12¾% 1993	105¾		-⅛	12.1 10.845
93	85¾	Fund 8% 1993	85¾		-⅛	8.3 9.228
121⅜	107¾	Treas 13¾% 1993	111		-⅛	12.3 10.854
101⅜	90¾	Treas 8½% 1994	90¾		-⅛	9.3 10.815
94¾	90¾	Treas 8¼% 1994 ●	90¾		..	9.1 ..
125⅝	114⅜	Treas 14½% 1994	114¾		-⅛	12.6 10.740
118⅜	106¾	Exch 12¼% 1994	106¾		-⅛	11.6 10.847
120⅜	105	Exch 13½% 1994	110¾		-⅛	12.2 10.866
101⅜	91⅜	Treas 7% 1994	93¾		-⅛	7.5 10.552
105⅞	95⅜	Treas 10% 1994	97¾	● -⅛	-⅛	10.2 10.638
114⅜	103¾	Treas 12% 1995	105¼		-⅛	11.3 10.285
83⅞	78	Exch 9% 1990-95	78		-⅛	8.7 8.719
105⅜	96⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	96¾		-⅛	10.4 10.018
109⅜	107¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	110¾		-⅛	11.5 10.597
126⅛	116	Treas 14% 1996	118		-⅛	12.0 10.708
101⅛	93¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	94		-⅛	9.6 10.272
133⅝	117⅜	Treas 15% 1996	133¾		-⅛	12.3 10.571
123⅜	110¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	113¾		-⅛	11.6 10.526
105⅜	95¼	Conv 10% 1996	97¾		-⅛	10.2 10.416
124⅝	114¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	114¾		-⅛	11.5 10.489
108¾	97⅞	Exch 10¾% 1997	107¾		-⅛	10.4 10.285
98⅞	91⅜	Treas 8½% 1997	91⅞		-⅛	9.5 10.215
134⅞	118¾	Exch 15% 1997	124¾		-⅛	12.0 10.582
97⅜	78⅜	Treas 6½% 1998-98	81¾		-⅛	8.2 9.988
104	96¾	Exch 9¾% 1998	96¾		-⅛	10.0 10.215
140¾	124⅜	Treas 15¼% 1998	130¾		-⅛	11.8 10.456
118⅛	107	Exch 12% 1998	109¾		-⅛	10.9 10.357
103¾	95¾	Treas 9¾% 1998	96¾		-⅛	9.8 10.034
130⅛	111⅞	Exch 12¾% 1999	113⅞		-⅛	10.9 10.390
109⅝	95⅞	Treas 10¾% 1999	102		-⅛	10.2 10.181
107¾	96	Conv 10¼% 1999	100¾		-⅛	10.1 10.156
100⅜	86¾	Treas 8¾% 2000	90¾		-⅛	9.4 9.853
129⅜	117⅜	Treas 13¾% 2000	117¾		-⅛	11.0 10.293
99⅜	92¾	Conv 9% 2000	93¾		-⅛	9.6 9.855
108⅝	98⅜	Treas 10% 2001	98¾		-⅛	10.0 10.003
104⅜	97¾	Conv 9¾% 2001	98¾		-⅛	9.8 9.932
125⅜	113⅝	Exch 12¾% 2001	120⅝		-⅛	11.6 10.522
99⅛	91⅛	Exch 9% 2002	93¾		-⅛	9.5 9.792
107	94⅝	Conv 10% 2002	100¾		-⅛	9.9 9.909
118¾	109⅛	Exch 12¾ 1990-02	109¾		-⅛	10.9 10.385
106¾	97¾	Treas 9¾% 2002	98		-⅛	9.9 9.842
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
108	100¾	Treas 10% 2003	101¾		-⅛	9.8 9.742
131⅛	122¾	Treas 12¾% 2000	122¾		-⅛	11.2 10.344
117¾	108¾	Treas 11¾% 2001	108½		-⅛	10.4 10.088
108	100¾	Treas 10% 2004	101¾		-⅛	9.8 9.674
59¾	54¾	Fund 3½% 1999	56¾		-⅛	5.9 6.282
104¾	93¾	Conv 9¾% 2004	99¾		-⅛	9.5 9.583
104¾	95¾	Conv 9¾% 2005	99¾		-⅛	9.5 9.548
113¾	105⅜	Exch 10¾% 2005	107¾		-⅛	9.7 9.925
127¾	116¾	Treas 12¾% 2003 ..	120¾		-⅛	10.3 9.821
92	82¾	Treas 8% 2002 ..	87¾		-⅛	9.1 9.421
108¾	99¾	Conv 9¾% 2006	102¾		-⅛	9.4 9.439
121⅜	112¾	Treas 11¾% 2003 ..	114¾		-⅛	10.2 9.807
97	89¾	Treas 8¾% 2007	93		-⅛	9.1 9.269
137¾	127¾	Treas 13¾% 2004	129¾		-⅛	10.4 9.751
101¾	91¾	Treas 8% 2008	98		-⅛	9.1 9.195
92¾	85	Treas 8% 2009	89¾		-⅛	8.9 9.158
101¾	92¾	Conv 9% 2011	99		-⅛	9.08 9.073
98⅞	82¾	Treas 5¼% 2008-12	87¾		-⅛	6.1 8.610
98⅜	89¾	Treas 8¾% 2012-17	95¾		-⅛	9.2 9.067
131¾	121⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	126¾	● -⅛	-⅛	9.5 9.059
UNDATED						
44¾	41	Consols 4%	44			8.9 ..
40¾	37¾	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	● ..	..	8.8 ..
62¾	48¾	Conv 3½%	51¾		..	6.8 ..
33¾	30⅛	Treas 3%	32⅝		..	9.1 ..
28¾	26¾	Consols 2½%	27¾		-⅛	8.9 ..
28¼	26	Treas 2½%	27¾		-⅛	8.9 ..
INDEX-LINKED						
124⅝	117⅞	Treas IL 2% 1990	123¾			.. ..
105¾	99	Treas IL 2% 1992	105¾			.. ..
142	127¾	Treas IL 2% 1994	135⅝			-⅛ ..
121½	103⅜	Treas IL 2½% 2001	116⅝			-⅛ ..
118¾	107¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	116⅝			-⅛ ..
120⅝	110	Treas IL 2% 2006	117¾			-⅛ ..
113¾	95⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	110¾			-⅛ ..
118	99⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	116			-⅛ ..
97¾	82¾	Treas IL 2½% 2005	95¾			-⅛ ..
105¾	88¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	103			-⅛ ..
103¾	87¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	100⅝			-⅛ ..
87¾	73	Treas IL 2½% 2024	85			-⅛ ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	188	Allied Irish ··	235	240	● -5	..	..	..
214	156	Anglo Lsg	192	199	● -2	5.3	2.7	10.3
90	64	Antiqueer (Henry)	82	86	..	2.7	3.3	35.0
258	124	Aus New Z	232	236	-4	..	..	..
10⅝	5⅛	Bellamence	9¼			..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	233	238	● -2	..	..	..
18½	15	Bank Leumi Israel	16	16½		..	..	..
320	248	Bank Leumi UK	300	308	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
398	334	Bank Of Scotland	382	388	-6	17.6	4.9	8.2
65	45	Bank Of Wales	58	60	..	3.7	6.0	8.9
483	392	Barclays (aa)	412	414	-1	27.9	6.8	20.3
36	25	Brandts	25	26	● -1	2.2	8.1	15.4
435	330	Brown Shipley	340	350	● +1	14.0	4.1	12.0
77	45	Bst Mortgage	47	57	..	..	..	..
394	318	Cater Allen	338	343	-5	30.0	8.8	11.7
71	54	Cayzers	61	63	..	3.7	6.0	11.5
220	175	Chancery	200	210	-5	8.9	4.8	13.2
18½	11½	Chase Manhattan	14⅝	..	..	..	..	..
15¾	9¼	Cocoon	13⅝	..	..	..	..	..
200	162	Close Bros	185	195	+3	6.7	3.5	17.8
81¼	68½	Commercial Bank	74	..	..	..	..	..
176	114⅝	Deutsche Bank	159	..	-3½	..	..	..
38	24	Eberly & Co	29	32	● -1	1.9	6.1	9.3
270	194	First Nat Finance	258	268	● -2	12.3	5.5	7.2
74	48	GKN	68	69	..	2.3	4.7	8.2
340	265	Gerrard Nat	275	285	..	24.0	8.8	8.5
134	90	Guinness Mahon	107	110	..	5.6	5.2	16.1
265	217	Hambros	221	231	..	12.0	5.4	9.1
52	42	Hill Samuel	41	44	..	3.3	7.7	..
510	413	Joseph (Leopold)	495	505	-7	17.8	3.5	20.5
158	120	King & Shaxson	128	133	● ..	12.9	9.4	13.2
467	310	Kleinwort Benson	370	374	● -1	18.7	5.0	7.6
340	286	Lloyds (aa)	321	322	..	18.8	5.8	..
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	43	46	..	2.5	5.6	11.7
448	370	Midland (aa)	411	412	-3	24.0	5.8	..
354	235	Morgan Grenfell	295	298	-4	14.5	4.9	27.8
331	146	Nat Asst Bk	307	311	-5	..	..	..

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	188	Abbey	193	203	● ..	..	..	..
468	351	Amec	368	378	● -2	15.0	4.0	10.0
455	357	Anglia Sec	357	367	● -2	15.0	4.1	10.2
206	152	Anglo Utd	152	162	● -2	6.4	3.9	10.2
1111	368	Aqua Group	1080	1100	● -10	30.0	2.7	17.0
183	84	Ashtenfield (J) Hld	153	157	..	3.7	2.3	10.8
388	282	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	382	392	+5	42.2	10.8	..
1⅝	858	Scrimgeour	885	915	..	33.6	3.6	11.2
526	377	Stand Chart (aa)	488	492	-1	46.7	9.5	12.6
119½	95	TSB (aa)	107	108	+½	6.0	5.6	7.2
365	283	Union Disc	333	346	..	38.4	7.5	11.4
265	236	Warburg Sec	256	266	● -5	15.6	5.9	7.9
138	95	Do 6% A	95	98	-3	8.0	7.7	..
49½	23	Wells Fargo	45¼	..	..	..	..	..
56	43	Wernick	45	48	..	9.3	21	16.7

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
488	332	Allied-Lyons (aa)	454	467	+5	17.3	3.7	13.0
897	734	Bass (aa)	763	778	+4	26.9	3.5	13.6
66	44	Bellhaven	56	58	..	1.6	2.8	12.5
1575	1327	Bodington	1500	1550	..	50.0	3.2	17.0
1615	1380	Buckleys	1550	1555	..	60.0	..	..
1612	1412	Bulmer (H P)	1500	1550	● -1	60.0	3.9	11.1
1555	1210	Burtonwood Brew	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Clark (Matthew)	1500	1550	-2	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Devenish (JA)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Greenall Whitley	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Grtmr King	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Guinness (aa)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Hancock & Hansons	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Highland Distl	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Invergordon Distl	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Irish Distl	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Marston Thompson	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Morland	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	S A Breweries	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Scot & Nwc (aa)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Vaux Group	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Do 'B'	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Whitbread Inv	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Wolverhampton & D	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Young 'A'	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
445	63	AC Hldgs	75	88	..	1.1	1.4	15.2
280	192	Abingworth	247	252	..	1.7	0.7	..
88	44	Aitken Hume	56	63	..	1.0	1.8	9.0
1050	898	Ass Heritages	1000	1020	..	50.0	5.0	11.0
410	298	Authority Inv	215	225	-2	8.0	3.6	11.4
1195	1135	Berkeley Govest	1150	1170	..	60.0	..	..
1600	1350	Bk Commonwealth (aa)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
97	91	Bums-Anderson	92	96	● +1	5.0	5.3	14.7
19	14	Camellia	18	20	..	24.0	1.5	40.4
480	280	Candover	445	460	+5	12.7	2.8	63.4
1600	1350	Cavendish	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Christies Int	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Dominion Int	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Harvey&Thompson	417	427	..	16.0	3.8	14.9
1600	1350	HGD	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Ivory & Sime	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Jarvis (JJ) & Sons	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Lazy (J)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Lawrence (Walter)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Lilley (FJG)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Lowell (VG)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Mangal (aa)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Masters	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Mersey	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Merrifields (Holdgs)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Mitchell (J)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	McKenna (Alfred)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	McCarthy & S	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Meyer Int	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Moorfield (Stanley)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Moreton (John)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	NSM	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Nicholl (R)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Nichols (Nathaniel)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Norcros	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Northern Secs	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Oakley Int	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Parkfield	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Pentland Int	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Pentos	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Pittards	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Prudential Assur	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Quilter Goodison	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Rea Bros	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Record (James)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Rensburg (Henry)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Rothschild (N M)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Rowe & Pitman	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Schlesinger	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Schroder (J Henry)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Schroders (aa)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Singer & Friedlander	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Smith (Noel)	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Smith New Court	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
1600	1350	Tyndall Hldgs	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17¾	11¾	Americist Express	14¾	..	..	..	..	..
188	84	Argyle	178	185	..	4.0	2.9	21.5
1⅝	1	Britannia Arrow	1⅛	1⅜	..	..	..	..
24¾	20½	Daily Mail	24¼	24½	..	9.4	3.8	19.2
214½	192	Electra	211	212½	..	6.0	2.8	23.2
230	215	First Gp	227	232	..	10.7	4.6	18.4
1⅝	1	First Mortgagemnt	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
1335	1139	Goode Durrant	1170	1222	..	44.3	3.7	16.5
1600	1350	Henderson Admin	1500	1550	..	60.0	3.9	11.1
188	80½	IDV	87	88	..	2.0	2.3	43.5
1⅝	1	MAI	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
360	280	MAM	356	365	● +1½	16.7	4.6	9.3
6¼	4	M & G	5¾	6¼	..	0.8	13.3	7.5
6¼	4	Rutland	5¾	6¼	..	0.5	8.3	12.5
183	150	Throgmorton New Court	162	182	..	7.3	4.0	22.5
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	121	122	..	7.3	6.0	11.5

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
357	272	AB Food (aa)	316	312	-6	11.5	3.7	18.3
237	246½	ASDA Group (aa)	142	143	-1	5.5	3.9	11.4
148	91	AGT (aa)	120	121	● -½	..	..	..
280	188	AAH	243	253	● +1	7.1	2.8	26.6
212	159	Argyll (aa)	182	183	● -1	7.1	4.4	12.3
91	35	Ashley Group	70	75	● +1	..	..	..
183	158	Associated Foods	163	168	..	6.7	4.0	16.6
212	172	Baltic Fisheries	197	217	..	9.3	5.4	7.5
675	543	Barr (AG)	675	680	..	17.3	2.5	11.9
185	145	Bassett Foods	183	188	..	10.0	5.4	11.8
1⅝	1	Bellways	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
197	149	Bemrose	197	199	-1	7.0	3.5	15.3
416	149	Bibby (J)	412	416	● -1	18.3	4.4	10.5
377	268	Booker	377	382	● +1	12.5	3.3	12.5
274	244	Brake Bros	258	263	● +1	10.2	3.9	12.5
118	113	Budgens	112	114	● -1	5.3	4.7	11.1
1⅝	1	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	1⅜	1⅝	..	0.7	0.4	43.0
243	188	Chris Mlang	243	253	..	9.7	3.8	13.1
183	176	Clifford Dairies 'A'	176	183	..	12.1	6.2	11.5
1⅝	1	Dalgety	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
1⅝	1	Dobbies (J)	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
1⅝	1	Dobsons	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
1⅝	1	Dodwins (J)	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
1⅝	1	Eastern Counties	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
1⅝	1	Ellis & Everard	1⅜	1⅝	..	..	..	..
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TECHNOLOGY

Japanese high technology comes under attack from the EEC and a court battle in the US

Penalty stays on printers

By Matthew May

European manufacturers of computer printers have won a decisive victory over their claims that Japanese electronics firms have been deliberately underpricing their exports of dot matrix printers on sale in Europe to buy a market share.

Last week the EEC decided that provisional levies placed on 15 Japanese firms last May should continue for up to five years. The duties imposed range from nearly 5 per cent to a hefty 47 per cent and cover nearly all Japan's printer exports.

Those affected include Fujitsu (47 per cent), Citizen Watch (levy 43 per cent), Brother Industries and NEC (35 per cent) and Seiko Epson (26 per cent). The EEC agreed that such cut price exports from Japan had damaged European manufacturers.

Japanese firms with manufacturing plants within the EEC are expected to increase production here but the imported components used are also to come under the scrutiny of the EEC.

After the provisional levies were introduced, the Japanese firms involved made unusually strong protests. Epson, for example, the leader in the field, took full page advertisments in the European press to argue that the duties were arbitary and miscalculated.

The EEC has previously also penalised other Japanese products, including video casette recorders, photocopiers and compact disc players for underpricing.

Now Japanese technology exports face further limitations as the EEC discusses the setting of a voluntary minimum price for computer chips with Japanese semiconductor firms that European manufacturers argue have been dumped in the EEC. If no agreement is reached by the end of the year further anti-dumping duties are expected.

The talks centre on dynamic random access memory (DRAM) and erasable programmable memory (EPROM) chips that are now widely being installed in household appliances and cars as well as computers.

An enquiry by the EEC which started last year has revealed substantial dumping margins on chips by virtually all the Japanese firms, according to Eckhard Runge, deputy secretary-general of the European Electronic Components Association (EECA), whose members include the British General Electric, Siemens of West Germany and SGS-Thomson of France.

But Japanese chip firms argue that that the EEC objected to a similar agreement that was signed between the US and Japan in 1986 and effectively set minimum prices for Japanese chips being sold in the US.

The amount of the levies confirmed last week on matrix printers is said to be calculated as the difference between the EEC price and a value largely based on the price in Japan.

Japanese firms have had a huge success in the Europe with matrix printers raising their market share to nearly three quarters last year from less than half three years earlier.

The EEC said the levies should be passed on to the final consumer and not taken out of profits something which customers are obviously unhappy about.

This months edition of *What to Buy for Business* reviews printers and in the matrix market recommends four brands – all Japanese – while claiming that British office equipment buyers are being badly treated by having to pay more for their Japanese printers than they need "simply to protect the profit margins of a handful of European producers".

The magazine also argues that European suppliers are guilty of hypocrisy as they often sell Japanese products under their own European brand names.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) has opened an inquiry into Japanese complaints about the EEC's anti-dumping policy.

Fight to sell twin deck video recorders

By Steve Mansfield

The first victory has been won in a US court battle which has raised the twin spectres of video piracy and a Japanese technology monopoly.

Go-Video, based in Arizona, is trying to market a product called the VCR-2, which it claims is the first twin-deck video recorder for domestic use.

But in a £150 million anti-trust lawsuit brought against 13 defendants – including several Japanese electronics companies, such as Sony, JVC, Toshiba and Sharp – Go-Video claims that it is being prevented from obtaining crucial components and manufacturing facilities in a conspiracy to prevent it obtaining a foothold in a Far East dominated market.

Funai Electric, a Japanese manufacturer whose products turn up under such names as RCA and Magnavox, has agreed to settle out of court. In return for a cash settlement, which both parties have agreed not to disclose, Go-Video has dismissed Funai as a defendant, although it is continuing its case against the 12 remaining companies.

The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and several film companies are also mentioned in the suit. Go-Video claims it was the MPAA flexing its muscles which persuaded several Japanese manufacturers, including some of those now being sued, to drop plans to introduce similar products a few years ago.

With a planned end user price of under $600 (£325) the VCR-2 would be only slightly more expensive than single deck machines. The two decks can be operated independently, as if they were separate machines, allowing users to record two programmes simultaneously, or record one while viewing a tape.

But it's the ability to record from one deck to the other that has people worried. The VCR-2 makes copying tapes very easy, and the MPAA feels this will result in an increase in home pirating of commercial tapes.

Go-Video's answer to this is that properly made pre-recorded tapes are protected against piracy by circuits built into the VCR-2. In the US, such tapes are specially encoded. When the encoding is detected, the machine refuses to allow recording from one deck to the other.

Home or office-produced tapes, however, can be copied easily with, claims the company, little loss of quality. That would make it attractive to educational and business users who need to produce multiple copies of promotional and training tapes.

And this is where Go-Video came in. The company is no commercial manufacturing giant. Far from being a major electronics corporation, it is a small firm with a background in video programme production, putting together promotional and training films for local companies. Yet the company is attracting some heavyweight support, in the form of Arizona senators and congressmen.

The defendants have until mid-December to make pre-trial depositions. Meanwhile, Go-Video is still being denied parts from Japan. Yet the company is not standing still.

Having raised an extra £900,000 from a stock issue, Go-Video has entered into partnership with Kruger International, which has the capital and manufacturing facilities – in Taiwan.

PERSPECTIVE

When standards are not the best solution

By Mark Rogers



"Very little software technology is good enough to be a standard"

The issue of standards has arguably been the most debated subject in the computer industry over the past five years.

Whether it is data communications, operating systems, or user interfaces, there are standards committees, industry bodies, and more often than not there are different factions advocating one standard over another.

And we must not forget de facto standards which become so simply by being popular and heavily used, rather than undergoing formal approval procedures.

Clearly, standards are important. For large companies in particular they represent security of investment. For example, if a company is spending several million pounds on a computer installation which should last into the mid 1990s, it needs to be sure that the hardware, the operating system, the networking technology, and the application development tools, will all last the course.

From a vendor's point of view, standardization is both good and bad. On the positive side, development efforts can be more safely targeted at specific computing environments, rather than depending on the success or failure of a particular operating system.

Another benefit to the industry as a whole is that there will be more collaboration between vendors, particularly between hardware and software vendors.

The negative side is simply that standardization significantly narrows the avenues for competition. Companies have to sell their implementation of one standard over another.

To draw an analogy, imagine what the car market would be like if all manufacturers were obliged to produce 1800cc, four cylinder, 16-valve engines. Each company would have to sell its product on criteria such as weight, oil consumption, fine-tuning, and so on, rather than on concrete performance figures.

So are standards a panacea for all companies? The answer is no, particularly when it comes to software. The most fundamental factor in the success of a potential standard is the quality of its underlying technology. The original IBM personal computer, for example, is a proven architecture worthy of becoming a standard.

Unfortunately, software development lags way behind, and there is very little software technology around which is good enough to be a standard. Indeed there is a very real danger that premature standardization will lead to stagnation in the software industry, when progress is urgently needed.

To return to the user's point of view, software standardization often takes place at the expense of performance. So for the small or medium-sized company for which the speed at which a program runs is more important than portability across a vast, multi-vendor computing installation, the standards path may actually be the wrong one to take.

A good example of this case involved "relational" technology, as applied to databases. This technique means that data stored in a database is defined in terms of its relationships with other data items.

Since a number of government and other influential organizations have standardized on this technology, the industry has accepted it as the norm. Most vendors in this market sell their own relational database systems.

No-one has questioned whether this is actually the most effective technique for database storage and retrieval. And the simple fact is that for most commercial applications, it is extremely slow and inefficient. Other technologies exist – such as variable length fields – which are more suitable.

The point to be made here is not that relational technology is wrong but that companies should think twice before adopting industry standards. Small and medium sized businesses in particular may find that there are alternative technologies which suit their needs far more closely, even in the long term.

● *The author is managing director of MF Systems – a software company which specialises in fourth generation packages.*

Easy prey for a European post

By Jane Lawrence



The milk round at British universities gives European firms an ideal opportunity to recruit

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In common with companies this side of the Channel, European firms are facing the prospect of a technology skills shortage that can only get worse and their solution is to trawl outside their national borders. British computer programmers and analysts are prime targets.

According to Philip Burnford, managing director of Hay Management Consultants – British "knowledge workers" are easy prey for three reasons.

In the first place, the university system is very organized. The yearly milk round, when companies pursue graduates fresh from their studies, gives European firms the ideal opportunity for contacting a large number of possible employees, whereas the system in other countries is far more haphazard.

Secondly, British salaries are relatively low. Mr Burnford explains: "It's a bit tricky to measure, but if you look at earnings and the cost of living, Britain pays about 25 to 35 per cent less than major competitors, for example Germany".

Third is the propensity of the British for working abroad. "We are well disposed to working overseas. It's part of a long tradition." Indeed, the level of expatriation is four times as high as many other countries.

Together, it all adds up to rich pickings for European employers. Mr Burford concludes. "Companies have got to get used to the idea that they don't select good people, good people select them".

Some workers have already made the move to Europe, and the Department of Trade and Industry says there is nothing to stop anyone taking up a post in a Community country.

Practical experience in sought-after areas is the prime qualification. And moves are afoot to introduce training standards into Britain which could make personnel even more attractive.

The National Council for Voluntary Qualifications has been given the task of putting together a standard set of building blocks, for industries such as computing, by 1992.

To this end it has set up a series of groups, including the Information Technology Industry Lead Body chaired by Barney Gibbens, head of software and services firm Sema Group.

The ITILB is working out a training programme for those wishing to become what Mr Gibbens calls "IT practitioners", drawing on two existing projects, the British Computer Societies and the Professional Development Scheme and the Computing Services Industry Training Councils (COSIT) Industry Standard Development Programme.

Mr Gibbens says that the proposed scheme should give Britain a head start on the rest of Europe, which is yet to embark on similar projects. Ideally, personnel will spend about four years amassing relevant experience which will be recorded in a log book.

A development programme has been underway for a year, says the council's director, Gordon Ewan. The organization says the program benefits Britain by developing a perception in employees of the benefits of training and career development, while also helping to alleviate the skills shortage.

It's always possible though, that staff trained within a carefully thought-out framework will be even more appealing to European poachers.

Latest estimates put the current shortfall of data processing professionals in the UK at 30,000.

COSIT points out that, by the mid-1990's, the number of youngsters leaving school will fall by about 25 per cent. And this is echoed in Europe. Mr Burnford explains that people of working age in Germany will fall from the peak of 27 million to around 22 million in the middle of the next decade.

The country is already considering extending its retirement age, and Mr Burnford predicts a demand for older workers to start a second career in hi-tech fields like computing. Companies on this side of the Channel would be well served to consider the same before the head-hunters arrive en masse.

Talks inch towards agreement over DAT

The music industry and hi-fi manufacturers are closer to agreement over stopping high quality pirate copies that can be made with Digital Audio Tape (DAT) recorders.

DAT machines have yet to be widely marketed in Europe because of a disagreement between producers and music companies over pirating.

The music business has expressed concern that the DAT recorders could lead to a fall in sales of compact discs because illegal high quality copies can be easily made with the recorders.

Talks between producers and music company representatives are expected to be held in London this week where the the producers will suggest a system that will only allow DAT recorders to make one copy of compact discs for personal use. The technical details have not been explained.

A spokesman for Philips said his company was ready to put the new recorders on the market, but would not suggest a date.

Speeds that defy joint agreement

Measuring the speed of a computer is one of the most hotly debated issues in the computer industry. Manufacturers routinely choose yardsticks that show their products in the best light.

Now, four makers of computer work stations in the US have taken steps to end their disagreement by setting up an organization to develop benchmarks that will permit head-to-head comparison.

The Systems Performance Evaluation Cooperative will have the support of Apollo Computer, Hewlett-Packard, MIPS Computer Systems and Sun Microsystems.

In the past, computer designers have argued over whether widely quoted figures, like millions of instructions per second, or MIPS, can be used to compare computers.

Because of design differences, competing computers may do different amounts of work using the same number of instructions.

Further snarling the problem has been the fact that one benchmark, for example the speed with which a computer sorts a database, may be a poor measure of how swiftly it can draw a graphics image.

To get around this problem, the new organization will try to measure computer speed by using "real world" applications, including electronic publishing, data base management, artificial intelligence programming, computer software design and computer automated design.

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Top money for those who contract out

JOBSCENE

By Leslie Tilley

More than 20,000 people in the information technology business are estimated to have given up the security of a permanent job, mainly computer programmers and analysts, and opted instead for the lucrative benefits of contracting their services out for fixed, short periods.

At the first recruitment show for contractors, held in London recently, another 1,700 still permanently employed came along to view the prospects on offer from the 28 agencies exhibiting their wares, according to its organizer, Christina Symons. First-timers are particularly precious finds, because demand is greater than supply; they were asked to wear red stickers so agents could easily identify them and try to persuade them of the benefits of going independent.

Those 28 agencies estimate they handled more than 15,000 assignments this year and that a further 3,500 contractors will be needed next year to satisfy demand.

Greg Tingey of A&G Marketing made a survey of exhibitors and asked what a first-timer might earn with say three years' experience of IBM equipment. The average came to £27,500 a year. London paid nearer £31,000 and overseas the average was £38,500.

On one side of the negotiating table is the company willing to buy in skills for a short period; on the other, the contractor. The contract agencies are like marriage brokers — they find two willing partners and bring them together.

The agent charges the company a total fee and keeps a percentage back from the contractor. Often, neither the company nor contractor is told what the agent's commission is worth. This rate varies from one agency to another, according to Mrs Symons, who was herself once an agent. She described the practice as "ridiculous".

She added: "The average rate agencies charge is 20 per cent, but some charge 15 per cent and others may take as much as 30 per cent. It's quite a wide spread. I would like to see more standardization on rates, but I don't know how it would work.

Mrs Symons said that some contractors are tough negotiators and this is a skill that the first-timer will have to develop — it can make the difference between a good fee and a bad one.

This is one reason contractors view jobs passed on by word of mouth so highly. In this way the contractor can approach a company looking for someone with their skills and negotiate a rate where both gain by cutting out the agent.

> It is difficult to gain new skills in a field where change is very fast

But the contractor loses out on any *benefits provided by an agent, such as* weekly payments, as most companies pay monthly, or even quarterly. Increasingly, some agencies are also offering up to three months' pay if the contractor can't work because of serious illness.

Top priority for a newcomer is to decide which recruitment agencies to deal with — it is estimated there are over 250 in Britain. These range from a small back-room affair with no telephone, to large international firms able to offer assignments around the globe. Some contractors have recently formed clubs so jobs, discount financial services and trade secrets can be shared.

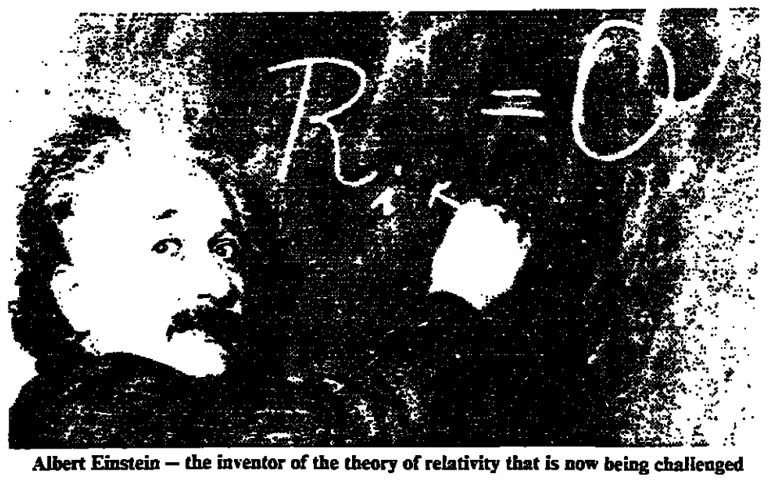
There are also drawbacks in contracting, as freelancers effectively charge by the hour and so don't get paid if they are ill, take a holiday or are absent for any other reason. And most contractors need at least three years experience. They are also required to set up a limited company and this adds additional expense, paper-work and time. In effect, the contractor signs an agreement as director of their own company with the agency.

Accountants will probably charge at least a couple of hundred pounds to set up the company and a further £500 or so to audit the accounts. It's best to hold this off until a contract is due to be signed and then to get the name of a good accountant from the agency. That way, if any difficulties occur, the agency is at least responsible for recommending them.

A less obvious problem is that contractors are employed because they are experts in a particular field and can find themselves pigeon-holed for that skill only. Companies will rarely train contractors, so it becomes difficult to gain new skills in a field where change is very fast.

A few agencies are starting to offer training courses that are, unfortunately, *not much use without on-job experience.* So contractors may find themselves unemployable after too many years in the game and then companies may be reluctant to welcome them back into permanent employment for fear the contractors will leave as soon as they have picked up marketable skills.

But some who have been working as contractors would not do it any other way. As one, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "I plan to retire by 35 anyway."



Albert Einstein — the inventor of the theory of relativity that is now being challenged

Is travel faster than the speed of light possible?

By Pearce Wright

The result of an experiment that contradicts one of the basic tenets of science is stirring controversy in the world of research. The discovery challenges the "scientific fact" taught to every schoolchild that nothing can travel faster than light.

The idea goes against Einstein, striking the foundations of modern physics which he helped lay. Yet the heresy suggesting that the light barrier may be broken, in much the same way as it is now accepted that the sound barrier can be broken, is published in the latest issue of the prestigous monthly magazine *Electronics and Wireless World*.

It describes a series of measurements made with a special electronic circuit, showing that electrical signals can travel faster than light.

Alleged discoveries that suddenly refute tried and tested knowledge often end up in a less illustrious publication known as the *Journal of Irreproducible Results*. In this case, there is no difficulty in repeating the research. The problem lies in explaining away the results.

The experiments into "superluminal velocities" were conducted on apparatus built by an American instrument maker, Alexis Obolensky, who designs high-performance electronic equipment for industrial research and defence applications for a company called Bromion Laboraories.

British expert, Dr Harold Aspden, research fellow at Southampton University and former senior scientist at the *IBM Hursley Research Laboratories*, near Winchester, has examined the methods and the results for what he described as "possible self-deception".

He said "There is no obvious flaw in the equipment; the experiments were well conducted and the findings seem to be correct".

In fact, the investigation is relatively straightforward. It is based on a novel scheme devised by Mr Obolensky for analysing the type of electrical signals that could comprise the pulses used for the transmission of telephone conversation or computer data.The idea for the experiment was prompted by a group of astronomers from the Max Plank Institute who reported tracking a number of galaxies which appeared to be travelling faster than than the speed of light.

Mr Obolensky believed the effect giving rise to the observation might be reproduced in the laboratory.

But the experiment in measuring events of a millionth of millionth part of a second has only been possible because of the latest advance in very sensitive electronic *analysers used to detect ther* first signs of an incoming electrical signal.

The apparatus includes a visual display unit on which pictures are presented of the arrival of each signal for a distant transmitter.

The signals are generated at a single source, but are then transmitted simultaneously by two circuits of differing length to the receiver where they are analysed. The measurements show that just before the main transmitted pulse arrives, there is a simultaneous arrival of a small signal from both circuits. It is about 1 per cent of the energy of the main signal travelling behind it, and it has to be travelling at twice the speed of light.

Mr Obolensky suggests that there are two modes by which the signals are propagated. The main one carrying most of the energy is the normal form of transmission recognized for such a circuit.

The faster small electrical pulse was found "by looking for a type of signal that nobody has bothered to look for because they would not expect to find it," he said. He has offered no theory to explain the findings.

Super sit-in pinball

By Nick Nuttall

A futuristic human pinball machine in which the passenger's fun fair car is the board's giant ball and where, armed with radio hand sets, riders control their fate by working the game's enormous slippers, is being designed by leisure engineers.

The aim is to combine the thrills and spills of a roller coaster with the challenge of the dodgems and underscores how amusement park technology is being developed to put randomness, skill, and mental agility in to funfair rides in a bid to make them more entertaining.

Mega Ball is the brainchild of engineers and draftsmen at Intamin of Freienbach, Switzerland — the world's biggest theme-park-machine manufacturer best known in Britain for its Observation Tower and River Rapids rides.

An Intamin executive, Reinhold Spieldiener, said: "We decided if the design of these types of leisure machines was to be advanced riders must get a feeling they are neither controlled or guided by the equipment.

"The time and path of a roller coaster is defined and constant every time but with Mega Ball each car will come down a different path and, depending on the way the car interacts with the slippers, in different times."

Exact specifications and details of the gigantic multi-coloured board have not been finalized but Mega Ball is expected to cover an area of around 2,000 square metres and be full of flashing lights, posts, gates and other features consistent with the traditional arcade machine.

The boards incline if planed at three degrees, complete with a score board notching up the rider's points as the four-seater ball races around the course.

A less sophisticated version of the game — which has been in research and development for four years — is planned to hit the market in the next few weeks.

Mega Ball One does not have the radio control features, explained Mr Spieldiener, but instead riders will be whisked around the board by automatic slippers activated on impact with the car.

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There are 38 Rural Community Councils (RCCs). Every English shire county has one, although the name may vary, such as council of community services or voluntary service.

Most operate on an annual turnover of £80,000 to £100,000, provided mainly by the Rural Development Commission and local authorities. Three-quarters of the budget goes on salaries, the rest on office overheads, travel expenses and small pump-priming grants.

RCCs have seldom had a more vital role than today, with the depression of rural life. Significantly, the first council opened in the 1920s, another depressed time for agriculture. Salaries are modest but the rewards are large in terms of variety and fulfilment, and the work brings wide-ranging experience and useful stepping stones.

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They also provide openings for graduating mature students, returners and career-changers. Vacancies are advertised, but you could also contact the councils in your area.

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A project lasts for two or three years, at the end of which you will be well placed to apply for a permanent post as a field or rural officer. Graduates occasionally step straight into this work, but most begin via projects.

Some people continue to study, either full-time or while working. A diploma in management studies is an asset, or you might choose a second degree in a work-related subject, or a professional qualification such as in planning.

From project worker you could progress to director, via field or rural officer, assistant director and deputy director, usually by moving around several RCCs. To quote one director: "We are looking for aptitude, general awareness – and common sense."

A project recently completed by the community council in Northumberland, a high-unemployment area, was a two-year mobile-advice service, using a converted bus to reach people in isolated areas and help with their problems. The scheme was backed by other agencies such as the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The service dealt with queries on, among other things, benefits, job vacancies, housing and start-up, and supplied basic counselling to worried farmers ("how can I deal with my creditors?").

Another project which the director, Dr David Francis, is starting will employ a development officer to build a network of farmers, encouraging them to open their farms to community groups and diversify in other ways.

In addition to their own projects, councils give information and advice on matters such as constitution, charity law and fund-raising techniques to many schemes run by other groups or started independently.

One achievement is the eight community buses, operated by local people, that can be hired by village groups or feed into the main bus system. The RCC started the venture, with funding from two departments of the county council and the Rural Development Commission.

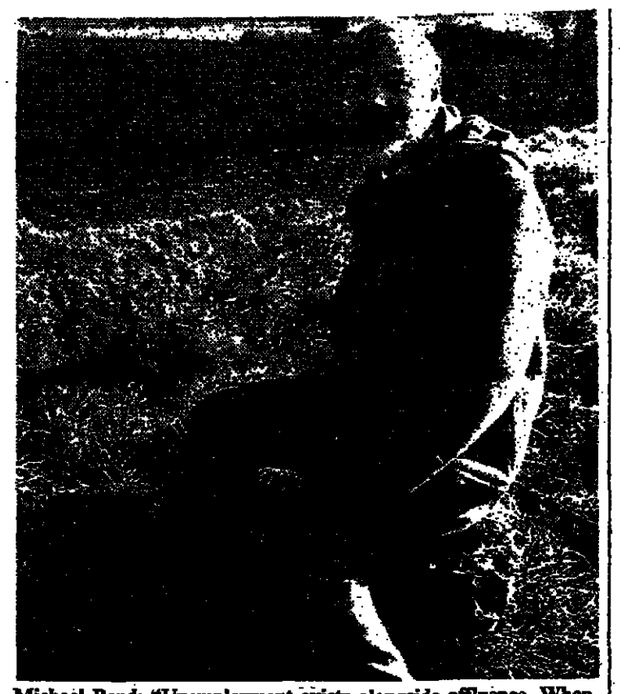
There is work with unemployed self-help groups and village newsletter workshops. But Cornwall's best-known work is boosting village shops.

The RCC ran a "shopping basket survey," to compare town and village shop prices, which showed that many items, such as vegetables, cost less in villages. Then came the "use it or lose it" slogan, and the forming of the Village Shopkeepers' Association, with a county-wide membership grouping together to bulk-buy and help each other with ideas.

Mrs Alsey says: "The exciting thing is being able to link pieces of information together to find ways of helping people."

You might expect Cambridgeshire to be more prosperous than Northumberland or Cornwall. But Michael Bond, director of the community council, insists this is not so. "Unemployment exists alongside affluence," he says. "When two people in a family of four are unemployed, affluence is a veneer."

Part of his work is to administer a home-based team of development officers, mostly part-time mothers who work closely with more deprived communities, and find this a good route back to employment. They tend to be poached by local authorities.



Michael Bond: "Unemployment exists alongside affluence. When two people in a family of four are unemployed, affluence is a veneer"

Two other projects include the Fenland Rural Devlopment Area scheme and another which is trying to introduce cheaper housing in cooperation with local landowners and parish councils.

"The work is very rewarding," says Mr Bond, whose background is local government administration, "although there are frustrations and you have to juggle with finance." With time too, it seems, because evening and weekend work mounts up.

RCCs are affiliated to ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), a charity launched in 1987 at Fairford, Gloucestershire, to do at national level what RCCs do locally: identify problems, take action and make representations. It also provides an information service and training. A national training strategy is being implemented and six residential training events have taken place in the last year for field workers, directors and other grades.

NOTICEBOARD

Continent calling

■ A third of all the 200 business executives approached in a survey of attitudes to 1992, commissioned by the recruitment consultancy Hoggitt Bowers, think it likely that they might consider moving to another European Community country.

The survey, which was equally divided between north and south, revealed some interesting regional differences. The north was less insular about country preferences. Its respondents all rated Germany, Holland and Switzerland more highly as potential job locations than did their counterparts in the south, though for both groups France came top of the list.

This could be due to the fact that many people are familiar with France as a holiday destination, but there was no other correlation between holiday and work preferences. Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece were not particularly popular, though more so than some of the Scandinavian countries, several of which received zero ratings.

One rather surprising feature was that two out of five respondents claimed to be able to speak another language well enough to do business in it. Here again, French was at the top of the list, followed by German. Spanish was some way behind and the rest, effectively, nowhere.

Portuguese, spoken by none of the respondents, which is the language of Latin America's most important economy, Brazil, was spoken by none of the respondents.

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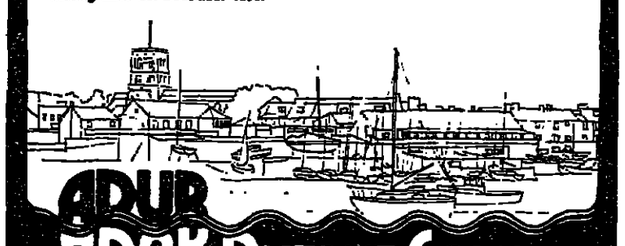
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Closing date: 5th December 1988.



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If you can meet our requirements then contact Caroline Adams, Personnel Officer for an application pack at Gillingham Borough Council, Canterbury Street, Gillingham, Kent ME7 5LA. Tel: (0634) 577177 (direct line 24 hours).

Closing date: 14 December 1988 Ref: 804128

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KENNET District Council

FINANCIAL

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Financial Management Division of the Finance Department has recently been restructured, and two opportunities arise for Accounting Technicians, or those studying for a full Accountancy qualification.

Principal Accountant
(Exchequer Services)
Salary £14,178-£15,417

One of two Principal Accountant posts responsible to the Assistant Treasurer (Finance) controlling a section of 4 assistants dealing with payroll, creditor payments, grants to voluntary bodies, and statistical returns. Applicants should have payroll experience with Unipay or a similar system. This post offers excellent career development opportunities because the postholder will also be expected to undertake technical and research assignments, and should have a lively interest in current developments.
For an informal discussion please contact Stuart Ellis on (0273) 471600 ext 333.

Senior Accountancy Assistant
(Capital and Housing)
£10,743-£11,475

Responsible to the Principal Accountant (Capital and Housing), the successful applicant will be involved in the monitoring and modelling of the Council's capital programme, in budgeting and final accounts relating to all Housing services, and in handling the Council's debt management and external investments.
Generous assistance with removal and relocation expenses will be given where appropriate.
Closing Date: 9 December 1988.
Application forms & further details from:
The Personnel Department
Lewes District Council
32 High Street, Lewes
East Sussex BN7 2LX
Tel: Lewes (0273) 471600 ext 313
(24 hour answer service)

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EAST YORKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

We require qualified accountants, preferably CIPFA, for the two Principal Accountant posts which will offer the successful candidates a wide range of experience in a modern progressive Finance Department.

Principal Accountant (Development) Scale PO 38-41 £15,417 to £16,782

The successful candidate will be responsible for controlling a section involved in developing the authority's financial systems, particularly with regard to the DLO and privatisation legislation.

Principal Accountant (General Rate Fund Services) Scale PO 38-41 £15,417 to £16,782

The postholder will be responsible for the General Rate Fund Services of the Authority. Duties will include preparation of revenue estimates, financial control, management information and final accounts.

Accountancy Assistant Scale 5/6/SO1 - £9,474 to £12,729

This post is particularly suitable for an ambitious, career minded Accounting Technician or a part-qualified Accountant wishing to qualify for ACCA as training facilities will be offered in appropriate circumstances. Candidates must have at least one year's local authority accountancy experience. The successful candidate will be part of a team working on the General Rate Fund Services of the Authority.

The posts are based in Bridlington, a popular coastal resort surrounded by a pleasant rural area, and with low cost good quality housing. An attractive Recruitment Incentive Scheme is available to assist with relocation.

If you want to know more about these posts, telephone Ron Adamson on 0262 679151 - Ext 345.

An application form and job description may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Bridlington, YO16 4LP (Telephone 0262 679151) and completed forms should be returned to him by Friday, 9th December 1988.

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LEGAL

Weigh up your future



On balance wouldn't you be better off with us?

We are looking for either newly qualified or experienced lawyers wishing to pursue a career within the criminal law.

The Thames Valley Area Crown Prosecution Service covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire, and stretches from the Cotswolds in the North-West to Windsor, Maidenhead, Reading, and the fringes of London in the South-East; from the Downs and Newbury in the South-West through rural Buckinghamshire to the City of Milton Keynes. It is a large diverse area generating a stimulating variety of work. The Area is covered from offices in Abingdon, Aylesbury and Reading where the atmosphere is friendly and informal.

Salary for Crown Prosecutors in the Thames Valley is on the scale of £14,125 - £18,736 p.a. (plus performance points to scale maximum of £21,532 p.a.), plus an extra £900 p.a. for lawyers who cover weekend courts. Starting salary depends on experience.

Excellent opportunities exist for promotion to Senior Crown Prosecutor (ratio to Crown Prosecutors 1:2) and beyond. Promotion to Senior Crown Prosecutor means a starting salary of £21,737 p.a., on a scale rising to £28,154 p.a. including performance points.

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Thames Valley Area Crown Prosecution Service

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£17,315-£22,383 p.a. (under review)

The posts: Deputy Chief Clerks in Magistrates' Courts in the Inner London Area as legal advisers with administrative responsibilities.

The applicants: Barristers called to the English Bar or Solicitors admitted in England. Previous experience in Magistrates' Courts while desirable is not essential, but the ability to learn quickly and work under pressure is.

The salary: £17,315 p.a. minimum rising to £22,383 p.a. inclusive. Salary under review for 1988.

The benefits: Varied and interesting workload; promotion prospects to Senior Deputy Chief Clerk and Chief Clerk; pension scheme (main provisions non-contributory); season ticket loan; 30 days' leave; assistance towards relocation costs in approved cases.

Application: For further details, and application forms which should be returned by 12 December please write quoting reference DCC/T to:

The Principal Chief Clerk
Inner London Magistrates' Courts Service
Third Floor, North West Wing
Bush House, Aldwych WC2B 4PJ.

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The job presents an opportunity to influence directly the growth of this progressive company and share in its profits and success.

To apply, please write in confidence, enclosing a full C.V. to:

Gerald Lloyd-Williams

Clemdale Associates

Midway House, Partridge Green, West Sussex. RH13 8JT
TEL: 0403-710204 FAX: 0403-710253

TOWER HAMLETS HEALTH AUTHORITY
THE LONDON HOSPITAL (WHITECHAPEL)

CHILDREN'S UNIT APPEAL FUND RAISER

£11,935-£14,369 inc LWA

Applications are invited from enthusiastic people who are interested in working in fund raising.

The post of Fund Raiser for The London Hospital's Children's Unit Appeal was created to promote the need to raise sufficient monies to build and equip a new facility for the treatment of children and adolescents at The London Hospital (Whitechapel).

For application form and job description please contact the Personnel Department, The London Hospital (Whitechapel) Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BB. Tel. No: 01-377-7150 (24 hour answer service).

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Closing Date: 5th December, 1988.
Interviews: 14th December, 1988.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

APPEALS AND PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, an old-established charity, with a turnover of £7 million a year, is seeking a person to take charge of all its appeals and publicity work. The post would be based in the Association's headquarters in Kensington, but a certain amount of travelling round the country would be involved.

We give financial support to almost 1,000 people, and run Residential Care and Nursing Homes for a further 370. The charity is by nature somewhat specialised and it does not undertake the kind of high-profile, national fund-raising appropriate to charities with a wider popular appeal.

Previous experience of fund-raising for a charity would be an advantage. We are looking for someone who would be sensitive to the DGAA's position, and who could both undertake the development of new sources of support and give practical assistance with major social events, as well as overseeing an advertising programme of over £150,000 a year.

Salary will be negotiable around £17,000 p.a. There is free medical insurance cover and a generous pension scheme.

Applicants should send a full C.V. as soon as possible to Miss Sue Rigby at the address below:

DGAA

DISTRESSED GENTLEFOLK'S AID ASSOCIATION
VICARAGE GATE HOUSE
VICARAGE GATE
KENSINGTON
LONDON W8 4AQ
TELEPHONE: 01 - 229 9341

THE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AUTISM is a lifelong mental handicap affecting some 80,000 people in the UK.

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THE PERSON we seek will be over 35, energetic and confident, with proven ability to lead an organisation and manage the challenge of expansion. S/he must be able to inspire staff, win respect from colleagues, professionals and NAS members, and effectively present the Society's concerns to legislators and the media.

THE SALARY is negotiable and likely to be in excess of £27,000. There will be other benefits such as a company car.

For further details and application form please phone Carol Ward-Penny on 01-451 1114 or write to National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB. Please send a stamped addressed envelope and quote ref: T5. Completed application forms to reach us no later than Wednesday 14th December.

The NAS is a registered charity.

THE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY
276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB Telephone 01-451 1114

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Application forms and further details can be obtained from the Personnel Manager, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7EY (Tel: 0638 716000 Ext. 235).

To discuss the appointment informally, you can talk to Andy Mead, Community Charge Manager on Ext. 317.

Closing date for return of completed forms is 12th December 1988.

FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TECHNICAL

DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING AND HEALTH

Housing Development Co-ordinator

£13,497 - £14,559 plus leased car

This is a key position in a small, but high powered, team within a forward thinking Local Authority producing 80-100 dwellings each year by various partnership arrangements.

Assisting and deputising for the Housing Development Architect you should have sound experience of design and construction matters, be conversant with Building Contracts and Building Regulations, be capable of clear and innovative thinking and have a real interest in the provision of high quality social housing. Although a formal architectural or surveying qualification would be an advantage, it is not essential.

For an informal chat about the post contact Richard Donnelly, Chief Building Surveyor on Horsham (0403) 64191 extension 294.

For an application form and job description please contact the Personnel Section, New Park House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RL, or telephone our 24 hour recruitment line on Horsham (0403) 64257 quoting the reference.

CLOSING DATE: 9th December 1988. REF: HH/5

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Although a thorough knowledge of rating law would be advantageous, equal consideration will be given to less experienced candidates who can demonstrate a capable, confident and professional attitude.

FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION, OR AN INFORMATION PACK, PLEASE TELEPHONE MURRAY CAMPBELL ON 0734 775767.

APPLICATIONS IN WRITING WITH FULL CURRICULUM VITAE AND THE NAMES OF TWO REFEREES TO: THE CLERK, BERKSHIRE LOCAL VALUATION PANEL, 37 BROAD STREET, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE RG11 1AU.
CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER 1988. 4F

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THE JOB
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Major schemes/proposals for the area currently include:-
* Town Centre redevelopment
* Leisure and out-of-town developments

THE PERSON
The successful candidate will currently be holding a senior position either in Local Government or private planning practice and will have the necessary qualifications, flair, aptitude and ability to manage and motivate staff. As part of the senior management structure of the Authority you will contribute fully towards policy planning for the Borough.

THE ENVIRONMENT
South Devon is renowned for its natural beauty. Torbay itself has 18 miles of coastline, superb leisure and recreational facilities, with Dartmoor National Park on the doorstep. Communications nationally and internationally are excellent.

For an information package please contact the Personnel Section, Torbay Borough Council, Town Hall, Torquay, TQ1 3DR. Tel: (0803) 218044.

Applications to be received by 23rd December, 1988.

TORBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Further details from:

The Honorary Secretary, BSSF, 28 Woburn Square, London, WC1H 0AD. Tel: 01 580 3618

Applications to be in the form of a CV. Closing date: December 2nd 1988.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The task will be to form and co-ordinate a fund-raising organisation. Training will be provided.

Applicants will be over 30 years of age; personable; have at least four years successful business or industrial management experience; have enthusiasm, be a good communicator both verbally and in writing, *enjoy working with others, be resourceful and* persuasive. The position calls for initiative, drive and administrative skills. A degree or equivalent professional qualification is desirable. Starting salary will be not less £12,000.

Please reply in your own handwriting giving a brief resume of your achievements to date to:-
The Secretary, S.C.D.T., 10 College Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1LZ.

TECHNICAL

NORTH MANCHESTER HEALTH AUTHORITY

DISTRICT HEAD OF PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

27,540 p.a. plus opportunity for performance related pay. (pay increase pending)

Following the appointment of the previous postholder to a Unit General Management post, we seek a self reliant and enthusiastic person able to work under pressure and who has a successful record of achievement in a large scale organisation.

The postholder will be a management board member with responsibility for all our Health Service planning, Central Administration and various District functions including Authority Support, Education and Training, Works and Personnel.

This is a post with many challenges in the District that recently won the Sunday Times 'Best of Health' competition.

Informal enquiries to Mr. C.M.H. Brown, District General Manager, Ext. 2636

Job Description and application form from District Personnel Department, North Manchester Health Authority, District Offices, Central Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester M8 6RL. Tel: 061-795 4567, Ext. 2591. Closing date for completed applications : 9 December 1988. Please quote ref: D60

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

Applications are invited for the following senior post in the Department of Computer Services. The Department is responsible for the management of existing central facilities and many of the distributed systems, and for promoting and co-ordinating computer development throughout the Polytechnic. The Department is presently organised in five sections: Hardware Support; Systems Support; Teaching Support; User Services and Staff User Education.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SERVICES – VAC REF A/132/88
PO2h/l £18,078-£20,232

The Deputy Director will be primarily responsible to the Director for the day to day management of the service and for the co-ordination of contributions from the various sections. Applicants should be well qualified and experienced in the operation of a variety of systems, including mainframe, minicomputer and microcomputer provision. The Deputy Director will have major responsibility for the Hardware and Systems support sections and an operational role in relation to programme testing, documentation, and an advisory role concerned with User Education. Informal enquiries can be made via Dr J. M. Hobbs, Assistant Principal, tel 0742 720911 ext 2331.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, SHEFFIELD CITY POLYTECHNIC, HALFORDS HOUSE, FITZALAN SQUARE, SHEFFIELD S1 2BB, TEL (0742) 720911 EXT 2965.

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BLOOMSBURY HEALTH AUTHORITY
DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE & SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

DISTRICT FINANCIAL PLANNING MANAGER

£17,800 - £22,350 (inc) (Scale 27)
(depending on experience)

Reporting to the Finance Director, you will be responsible for managing and co-ordinating all financial aspects of the District's planning activity. Bloomsbury is actively pursuing options to replace its existing estate and service facilities with a new purpose built hospital in central London. You will be charged with handling the financial input to this process. Additionally, the post carries responsibility for short and medium term financial projections on routine and ad hoc bases.

The Financial Planning Manager will be expected to work with colleagues at a senior level within the District and to liaise with representatives from a variety of organisations outside Bloomsbury.

You will have management responsibility for your own department located in refurbished offices between Euston Station and Camden.

Enquiries to Chris Savory, Finance Director. (Tel 01-380 9511) Application packs from Judith Friend, Finance Director's Office, 25 Grafton Way, London WC1E 6DB. (01-380 9511).

Closing date: Friday 16th December 1988.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

CONTRACTS SOLICITOR

c£24,000 - £27,000 p.a. + company car

Looking to the future, and to the privatisation of the Board, Southern Electricity are currently seeking a **CONTRACTS SOLICITOR** to work in pleasant rural surroundings at our prestigious Head Office, Littlewick Green, near Maidenhead. This is an important new post, reporting to the Board Solicitor.

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To effectively undertake these duties we are seeking a graduate Solicitor or Barrister of 1-5 years experience dealing in contract/commercial law. Equally important, an individual with fast learning ability, a methodical and practical approach to problem solving together with self-motivation and excellent decision making and interpersonal communicating skills. Essentially, applicants should be looking for a challenge and be prepared to 'stay ahead' whilst under pressure.

In return, the rewards offered are high including excellent future prospects and all the benefits associated with a large 'blue chip' company.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity informally, please telephone:

Derek Morris, Solicitor to the Board, on 0628 82 2166, or please apply in writing with full C.V. stating salary expectations to:

Toria Bennett, Personnel Section, Southern Electricity House, Littlewick Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 3QB quoting reference: 61/88 by no later than 23rd December 1988.

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LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Merge in haste . . .

Frances Gibb reviews a book that takes a cool look at a trend

It is just not fashionable for solicitors' firms to merge. For many firms that want to survive mergers are the "done thing". In the next year nearly every firm is likely to consider the possibility of merger, receive a merger approach or merge. So predicts Michael Simmons, solicitor and consultant on practice management, who has just written a book on the subject.

If his predictions are to be believed, it will be a bestseller. He says: "It is filling a gap in the market. We now have merger consultants but no practical reference book on mergers. Everyone is talking about merger; including us." But his own experiences plus those gleaned for writing the book — has "made me a lot more cautious".

The book, out next month from Waterlow, gives practical advice on the pros and cons of merger; alternatives to merger; how to choose the right partner; nuts and bolts such as integrating computer systems, accounts and taxation; and merger problems. It contains a dozen personal experiences of different kinds and sizes of merger, including Sir Max Williams on Clifford Chance; Tony Thompson on Withers Crossman Block and Philip Swift on Taylor Vinters.

Solicitors have been surprisingly open, Mr Simmons says. But he admits that some revelations were later blue-pencilled by their authors. Readers will not find the tale of the clash between two prospective merger partners because three women partners of one firm objected to a ruling in the other firm that female staff could not wear trousers.

Nor the tale of the firms whose differences in attitude were highlighted by the coffee supplies: staff in one firm had set breaks and had to pay 15p for their coffee from a machine; the other firm enjoyed free coffee all day. As with all such differences, the better perk prevailed.

> **Many mergers result from 'promiscuity' — partner to partner**

Mr Simmons is cynical about most mergers. Nearly all are "take-overs" by another name, he says. And he refuses to call groupings of firms mergers: real mergers share profits. But if done for the right reasons, they are a "good thing". They need, however, to be part of the firm's planning operation: "no successful firm can be without a five-year plan."

Many mergers result from "promiscuity", he says; casual, unthought-out approaches by one partner to another. Firms should work out their "merger profile": they should "see themselves as a jigsaw puzzle and work out the piece which will fit. Then look for the firm with the merger profile you need".

Ideally, he believes the best approach is through an intermediary because of the innate suspicion of lawyers. He says: "They can approach the firm you are interested in and make them think they are the predators."

Prospective mergers can founder on anything from a mis-match of attitude among staff to details such as the order of names on the notepaper. He cites the case of one prospective merger involving his own firm in which a partner on the other side, shortly before the deal was finalized, phoned and said: "You are the managing partner. What do I do about all these filing cabinets in my office?" The merger never came about.

Mergers often fail because firms underestimate the problems, he says. Costs are usually far more than they estimate. Salaries will always go up to the higher level that prevails. Much ill feeling — perhaps leading to key staff walking out — can also be created by "secrecy" of merger talks: staff will necessarily be made redundant — "you don't need two receptionists" — and should be told as soon as possible.

He sees firms in three categories: the first-generation firm, known for the name of the senior partner, the entrepreneurs who "can kill more than they eat"; the second-generation firm where those founders are gone, whose members are squabbling among themselves, and who are often the "prime candidates" for take-over; and the new generation of "rough, tough guys" with an oligarchy of competition. Mergers between types one and two, or two and three, are most likely to succeed, he says.

Yet Mr Simmons concludes that mergers are not the only way to proceed. If firms have non-profitable areas, an alternative is to "hive" them off. He explains: "Rather than merge, become a boutique, de-merge. Big is not necessarily beautiful." He believes that mergers or take-overs are not appropriate for most firms. Nor, he predicts, will it be long before the results of too-hasty mergers appear.

He says: "There will be an increasing number of hive-offs, de-mergers, defections, split-offs, or what you will." Meanwhile, the future is promising for those like himself, in the ranks of partnership consultants. Their ranks may even be swelled, he says, by "marriage-guidance counsellors" who wish to enlarge their horizons.

● *Succesful Mergers: planning, strategy and execution*, Waterlow Publishers, available December 9, £12.95 paperback



The prize professionals

The results were announced yesterday in the *The Times* Legal and Financial Young Professionals Competition 1988, sponsored by Fishburn Boxer, the solicitors, and Arthur Young, the accountants. Pictured above are, from left, Clive Boxer, senior partner of Fishburn Boxer, Clare Price, winner in the legal category of the competition, Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, Ben Thompson, winner of the financial category, and Peter Edwards, managing partner of Arthur Young.

Entrants in the legal category had to write in no more than 700 words on whether trial by the media can ever be justified. Contestants in the financial category had to discuss in no more than 700 words whether hunger for short-term profitability was destroying British industry.

Clare Price is a postgraduate student at Cambridge University and Ben Thompson is studying for A levels at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Amersham, Buckinghamshire. They each received cheques for £1,000 and an Apple Macintosh twin-disk SE computer.

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The prisoners of supply and demand

Lord Hutchinson, QC, urges the Bar to lead sentencing reforms

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- There are about 49,300 prisoners in prisons officially authorized to hold 43,000, with another 700 in police cells.

Conditions in prisons have been described by one Board of Visitors as "a disgrace to a civilized society", by another as "conditions which would not be tolerated by animals". Of these adult inmates, 57 per cent of males and 37 per cent of females re-offend within two years. Of those in youth custody, 83 per cent and 54 per cent do so; of those aged 17-20, 66 per cent and 33 per cent. If we go on in this way, the latest Home Office projection for 1996 forecasts 63,000 to 69,000 prisoners – 20,000 without integral sanitation.

The cost today is £252 a week per prisoner; £15 for a probation order. And we send more people to prison than any of our friends in Europe – both in total and proportionately – yet we do not have a higher number of serious crimes. It is the courts who supply the prisons. It is the executive which provides the cells at £69,000 a cell: 22 new and additional prison establishments by 1995 will cost £1 billion – a 55 per cent expansion programme. More prisons, more prisoners – the merry-go-round continues.

Here, uniquely, is the user of a national resource with no restraints upon demand. As long as the law is observed the supply of prisoners is infinite. The administrators watch in despair as the conveyor belt runs on, fed by 1,500 assorted judges and 27,000 magistrates.

Sir Brian Cubban, late permanent secretary at the Home Office, in a recent lecture delivered in Australia, asked: "Will we never find a point of intervention in sentencing decisions themselves? Can we never contemplate inserting mechanisms of demand management into the sentencing process, so that the volume of demand for imprisonment can be more closely tied to supply?"

To this should be added a comment by Norman Carlson, the one-time head of the US Federal Prison System: "You cannot build yourself out of overcrowding, it has never succeeded yet."

The resolution of the demand-supply situation must lie with the sentencers, outside the long-term social problem of crime prevention.

The only sentencing "policy" that there is emerges from the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division): ad hoc, empirical, decided case by case, without any proper supporting staff or extra-judicial input. This policy is clearly flawed.

Sentencers adopt a stance of isolation and independence. But judicial isolation is *not* the same as judicial independence.

It is not self-evident that the separation of powers carries the implication that sentencing policy is a matter solely for judges.

In 20 years of practice the average member of the Criminal Bar Association will have absorbed the conventional wisdom, the tariff, the "judicial approach". Prison, they will find and will accept, is *the* penalty. In sentencing, their guiding light will be the complex of previous decisions.

The sentencing process is in need of radical reform. This can now come only from an initiative by the Bar. It is for the Bar to inform itself about the increasing and explosive crisis in the prisons; to spell out and advocate a new approach to custodial sentencing, and to the granting of bail; to examine and question the conventional wisdom; to explore how best to break down the rigid separation of powers and pull down the stockades which separate the Lord Chancellor's department from the Home Office.

If the Bar does not take this initiative, who will? It will surely not be the judiciary. The matter is of great urgency. If the CBA does nothing, I predict that some or all of the following will come about:

- A call for career judges – educated, informed and trained.
- A call for parliamentary restraints on judicial discretion and statutory criteria for the imposition of custodial sentences.
- Further action by the executive to alter or nullify the sentence of the court.
- The establishment of a Sentencing Council to advise or guide the sentencer.

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LEGAL BRIEF

Chancery Division — Law Report November 29 1988 — Queen's Bench Division

No gains relief on holiday let rooms

Owen v Elliott (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment November 25]

The capital gain arising on the disposal of a private residence that was used in part as a seaside guest house did not qualify for the exemption from capital gains tax introduced in section 80 of the Finance Act 1980. The relief given by that provision did not apply to short-term holiday lettings but was restricted to apply only where accommodation was let to persons who were likely to use it as their home.

Mr Justice Millett so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Peter Edwin Owen, from the determination of Pevensey general commissioners confirming an assessment to the tax raised on him for 1981-82 in the sum of £22,835.

Section 80(1) of the Finance Act 1980 provides relief from capital gains tax where "a gain to which section 101 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 (disposals of private residences) applies to any individual and the dwelling-house in question or any part of it is or has at any time in his period of ownership been wholly or partly let by him as residential accommodation . . .".

Mr Giles Goodfellow for the taxpayer; Mr Alan Moses for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that the case raised the short question of construction of the phrase in section 80(1) "let by him as residential accommodation".

The taxpayer and his wife had carried on a private hotel business in Eastbourne from premises they had owned and lived in. Mrs Owen did the cooking for guests who came for short-term periods in the summer and for a few who spent longer periods with them in the winter. The premises had a table licence.

During the summer the taxpayer and his family occupied an annexe to the premises but during the low season occupied the whole of the premises together with any guests who were staying.

On selling the property it was agreed between the taxpayer and the inspector that one-third of the gain arising was exempt from capital gains tax under sections 101 and 102 of the 1979 Act (relief on disposal of private residence).

The taxpayer, however, claimed that he was entitled to further relief by virtue of section 80(1) of the 1980 Act on the ground that part of the property had been let to guests and as such "let by him as residential accommodation".

The commissioners dismissed the taxpayer's appeal against the assessment to the tax raised on him in respect of the disposal of the property being of the opinion that "the taking in of boarders" did not amount to letting as residential accommodation within the meaning of section 80(1).

Mr Moses contended that the words had to take their meaning according to the context and intention of the Act taken together with the provisions in the 1979 Act concerned with the disposal by a taxpayer of a dwelling house which he had made his main residence.

The words were, he said, to be construed in the context of letting someone use the premises as their home as opposed to guests staying without making their home there.

For the taxpayer it was said that the words meant simply that the accommodation was let for residential as opposed to commercial or business use. "Residential" was, Mr Goodfellow said, descriptive of the accommodation and was inapt to describe the purpose or intention of the persons staying in the premises.

Clearly "residential accommodation" was capable of either meaning. But in the statutory context of section 80 the narrower construction urged by the Crown was to be preferred.

It was easy to understand a social purposes in section 80 – to encourage home owners to make part available to others and to encourage persons to take lodgers. It was difficult to see any social purpose in this context in providing relief to those running hotels for holidaymakers.

The taxpayer raised an impressive argument that it would be difficult to apply section 80 if the test was to depend on the purpose for which the occupation was taken. Was a taxpayer who wished to avail himself of the relief required to submit a questionnaire to each occupier and keep full records of their stays?

But, as Mr Moses pointed out, the section was not looking at the quality of each occupier's occupation. A taxpayer in order to get the relief had to establish that the kind of letting he provided was to persons who would be likely to use the accommodation provided as their home.

That was a question of fact for the commissioners and it did not require them to make a meticulous examination of each occupancy but rather to look at the purpose of the taxpayer in granting the letting to the occupier.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Winter & Co, Eastbourne; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Affidavit deadline

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Mr Justice Drake so stated in a listing statement issued in the Queen's Bench Division on November 17.

Disclosure makes letter admissible

Kenning v Eve Construction Ltd

Before Mr Michael Wright, QC

[Judgment November 21]

Where a covering letter associated with an expert report, disclosure of which had been agreed, was inadvertently disclosed, the other party could not be debarred from amending his statement of claim in the light of it and might rely on it in examination of the expert if called as a witness.

Mr Michael Wright, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in dismissing an application by the defendants, Eve Construction Ltd, to have the plaintiff, Mr Paul Kenning, barred from amending his statement of claim or relying on the evidence in cross-examination of the witness and to deliver up the letter and any notes made on it.

Mr Christopher Gardner for the plaintiff; Mr William Stevenson for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said the defendants' solicitors had requested a consulting engineer's report on a winch by which the plaintiff had been injured. The report indicated the view that matters alleged in the statement of claim should not present undue difficulties.

However, a covering letter was attached which indicated a number of other points not in the statement of claim but which could be alleged and were considered likely to cause real difficulty.

The defendants resolved to call the witness and disclosure of the report was agreed but by mistake the covering letter was despatched to the plaintiff's solicitors as well as the report.

Expert reports were disclosed under the provisions of Order 25, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and disclosure should be of the substance of the evidence.

The practice which grew up when the order was first in existence of having reports made in two parts, the one dealing almost exclusively with the simple facts and for disclosure, and the other in which the expert expressed his opinion and which was not for disclosure, was condemned by Mr Justice Ackner in *Ollett & Bristol Aerospace* ([1979] 1 WLR 1197) as not complying with rule that the substance of the evidence be disclosed.

The report would only comply if the whole of the opinion was disclosed because it would only then be that it disclosed the substance of the evidence, not just the evidence in chief. It was necessary to take the good with the bad and if the party did not like bits of the report then he was free not to use the witness – it was his choice.

Therefore, in this case even though the letter was privileged it have been disclosed and if the defendants were relying on the witness they had to disclose it.

Solicitors: O. H. Parsons & Partners; Vizards.

Knife brings burglar within aggravation section

Regina v Stones

Refore Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy

[Judgment November 3]

The mischief at which section 10(1) of the Theft Act 1968 was clearly aimed was that if a burglar had a weapon with him and had the intention to use it to injure some person not connected with the burglary, he might nevertheless be tempted to use it if challenged and put under sufficient pressure during the course of the burglary.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of James Stones against his conviction on January 13, 1988 in Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Judge Paling and a jury) of aggravated burglary, on which he was sentenced to 2½ years imprisonment. A further six months imprisonment was imposed consecutively on his conviction on pleas of guilty to two counts of burglary.

Section 10(1) of the 1968 Act provides: "A person is guilty of aggravated burglary if he commits any burglary and at the time has with him any . . . weapon of offence . . . and for this purpose – . . . (*b*) 'weapon of offence' means any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to or incapacitating a person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use. . .".

Mr John Lowe, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Ian Graham for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the appellant admitted that he had taken part in the burglary of a dwelling house. He and another man were seen by an off-duty police officer loading stolen goods into a car.

The police were called and the two men ran off, but the appellant was caught and arrested. When searched a household knife was found in his possession. When asked why he had it with him he said: "For self-defence, because some lads from Blythe are after me".

The prosecution submitted that if the appellant knowingly had the knife with him at the time of the burglary, with the intention of using it to cause injury to or incapacitate the lads from Blythe if he met them, the offence was proved. It was not necessary to prove intention to use the knife during the course of the burglary.

In their Lordships' view that submission was correct. The mischief at which the section was aimed was clearly that if a burglar had a weapon with him which he intended to use to injure some person unconnected with the premises burgled, he might to tempted to use it if challenged during the course of the burglary.

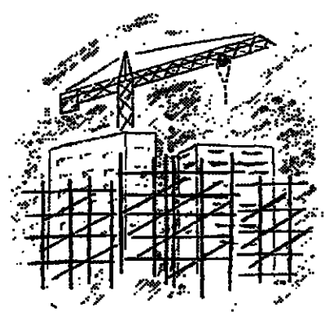
On a correct interpretation of the section there clearly was evidence which the jury accepted of intention to use the knife to injure or incapacitate some person, therefore there was nothing unsafe or unsatisfactory in the conviction.

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Australia ring the bowling changes as Jones drops out

From John Woodcock, Perth

His confidence in shreds after touring Pakistan, Dean Jones has been dropped from the Australian 12 for the second Test against West Indies, starting here on Friday. As Jones drops out so Geoff Lawson comes back, his return the culmination of a long fight against a back injury. A fellow hothead, Merv Hughes of Victoria, has also been recalled.

Like most of Australia's batsmen, Jones must be looking forward to the chance of playing himself back into form against England next year. In the Ashes series of 1986-87, against Mike Gatting's side, he scored over 500 runs. In Pakistan this autumn his six Test innings provided him with an average of 8.80. At 27, he is too good and spirited a batsman not to make plenty more runs for Australia.

With 19 wickets at 17 apiece in New South Wales's first four matches this season, and leader last season of the Sheffield Shield bowling averages, Lawson is a popular choice.

The last of his 37 Test matches was against England two years ago, here in Perth. That Terry Alderman, now aged 32, is another to be in line for a recall suggests that Australia are finding it no easier than England to unearth young men capable of matching the fire-power of the West Indians.

I am rather surprised, in fact, that Hughes has been preferred to Alderman. Bowling into the breeze at Perth is hard and specialized work, and Alderman has been doing it since he was a boy. He is, incidentally, one of several members of the two "rebel" Australian sides that went to South Africa now trying and eligible again, for a Test place. Alderman and Kim Hughes, their defection pardoned, will be Western Australia's captain and vice-captain respectively against New South Wales at the weekend.

The task of umpiring Friday's Test match falls to Robin Bailhache, a veteran of 27 Tests, and Terry Prue, aged 39, a laboratory technician who will be standing in his first.

In Melbourne on Sunday, Bailhache had to tell the West Indians to pitch the ball up. Wayne Phillips, a diminutive right-hander unrelated to the South Australian batsman of the same name, was frustrating them with a century for Victoria.

Classy 134 from Logie

Melbourne (Reuter) — With West Indies' rain-marred match against Victoria always destined to end in a draw yesterday, Gus Logie made good use of the time to hone his batting skills in readiness for the second Test, which starts on Friday.

He displayed a classy array of strokes to reach 134 — equal to his highest score in Australia — as West Indies made 328 in reply to Victoria's first innings total of 385.

Logie began the day on 79, and sped through the 80s and 90s, thanks to some superb straight and cover drives. He reached his century after 197 minutes with a three off Hughes, who has been recalled to Australia's squad for Perth.

His five-hour innings ended when he holed out to Hughes, at mid-on, off Osborne.

VICTORIA: First Innings 385 (W Phillips 111, M Osborne 58 not out; R A Harper 5 for 78).

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

*C G Greenidge c Hughes b Dodemaide	1
R B Richardson c Dimattina b Hughes	2
K L T Arthurton c Jones b Dodemaide	0
C A Hooper c Jackson b Dodemaide	64
A L Logie c Hughes b Osborne	134
P J L Dujon c Whatmore b O'Donnell	10
R A Harper run out	8
†D Williams c and b Osborne	14
W K M Benjamin c D'Itima b O'Donnell	39
I R Bishop c Dodemaide b Hughes	20
B P Patterson not out	18
Extras (b 6, lb 9, nb 2)	17
Total	328

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-4, 3-4, 4-173, 5-192, 6-225, 7-234, 8-249, 9-301.

BOWLING: Hughes 27-6-82-2; Dodemaide 28-9-55-3; Jackson 24-7-68-0; O'Donnell 21.2-2-52-2; Osborne 16-1-56-2.

New Zealand poised to level series

From Javed Akhtar, Bombay

The second Test between India and New Zealand will be best remembered for the numerous twists and turns it took as well as the pluck and fighting qualities of the visitors.

Victory appears a formality for New Zealand — their first in five Tests in Bombay — when play resumes today after yesterday's rest day.

India, reeling at 137 for seven in their second innings, will go in search of a target of 282 runs with the prospect of facing a refreshed Hadlee eager to add to his tally of 387 Test wickets and square the series at 1-1.

Wright, the New Zealand captain, remained cautious, despite his side's tight hold on the match. "We are pleased to find ourselves in this position but we have played enough cricket to take nothing for granted," Wright said.

New Zealand were unrecognizable as the side so comprehensively beaten in the first Test at Bangalore. Twice the tail-end batsman fought back and ninth-wicket stands in the two innings added valuable runs.

Hadlee destroyed the Indian first innings when they looked poised to take a big lead, and together with Bracewell, produced a repeat performance when the home side made a second visit to the batting crease.

Bracewell has had a particularly rewarding match. He was top scorer in the first innings with 52 and followed it up with 32. He was the common factor in both the ninth-wicket stands and his four wickets in the second innings were instrumental in taking New Zealand close to victory.

His only blemish has been his persistent appealing, something which caught the eye of the umpire Ramaswamy, who first had a word with Wright, who in turn spoke to the bowler. Wright, in keeping with his policy, declared at the beginning of the series, of not discussing umpiring issues, would not be drawn on the matter saying only that "Bracewell is a bit aggressive."

SCORES: New Zealand 236 (J G Bracewell 52; R J Shastri 4 for 45) and 279 (A H Jones 78, I D S Smith 54; A Ayub 5 for 50, N Hirwani 4 for 93); India 155 (R J Hadlee 6 for 49) and 137 for 7 (J G Bracewell 4 for 38).

SNOOKER



Mountjoy's return: the new UK champion celebrates with his coach, Frank Callan

Mountjoy finds his method

By Steve Acteson

Doug Mountjoy's mis-spent middle age bore fruit on Sunday in the shape of the Tennents United Kingdom championship and £88,000 prize money after defeating Stephen Hendry 16-12, while also depriving the Scot of the prize for the highest break.

There is little mercy on the snooker table, and when Mountjoy, a former miner from South Wales, was beaten the first time out in the UK championships a year ago, he reached the season's midway point without a single ranking point, with his future looking extremely bleak, as he fell out of the world's top 16 for the first time.

Fortunately, Terry Griffiths, his close friend, was able to direct Mountjoy towards the game's leading coach, Frank Callan, whose revival of an ailing career, now has Mountjoy about to begin climbing back up the rankings from his present 24th position.

"He was ready to pack it in when he came to me last February. His game had completely gone," Callan, a retired Blackpool fishmonger, said. "But what else could he do apart from playing snooker? He said that if I could give him something to work on then he would and he certainly did.

"He's as bad — or I should say good — about practising as Steve Davis or Terry Griffiths, he never stops working, but he's got something to work on then he would, he's got a method."

That method was once instilled into Davis, too, although Callan's involvement in helping that talent to blossom has tended to be underplayed by all concerned.

"Doug was absolutely in the pits and how could I turn him away? But the way he has come back and won a big tournament is absolutely fantastic. It is the most satisfying achievement of my career to have helped him do it," Callan said.

Mountjoy was almost incoherent with joy after holding off the late challenge from Hendry, aged 19, to recapture a title that he had won 10 years earlier.

"I owe it all to Frank Callan. Without him I would be nothing, absolutely nothing at all."

Hendry's defeat, following his own easy 9-3 semi-final win over Steve Davis, the world and defending UK champion, will leave no permanent scarring on the Scots teenager. Mountjoy said: "Steve is brilliant, but very young. He should have realized that there was another game to be played even after beating Steve."

Callan said: "The only thing wrong with Stephen was that he let the pressure get to him. But he's eventually going to take over from Davis as No. 1 in the game, that's for sure."

RESULT: D Mountjoy (Wal) bt S Hendry (Sco) 16-12. Frame scores (Mountjoy first): 75-25, 0-103, 79-8, 75-30, 25-113, 81-47, 67-0, 124-7, 82-65, 13-96, 14-89, 37-72, 79-9, 0-136, 78-49, 71-41, 125-0, 73-0, 71-21, 131-1, 106-0, 129-0, 15-96, 54-86, 5-73, 21-80, 43-55, 67-11.

MOTOR RACING

Proof of speed with lead-free fuel

Honda UK and Mobil will be joining forces next season with the British Racing and Sports Car Club to stage the first motor racing series to be run exclusively on unleaded fuel (John Blunsden writes).

The Honda CRX Challenge, which is to be co-sponsored by British Credit Trust, will take place over 15 rounds from March to October, beginning with the British Formula 3000 meeting at Brands Hatch on March 19 and including a supporting race to the Tourist Trophy at Silverstone on September 10.

Mobil's involvement in this one-make race series, which will extend to the free supply of unleaded fuel for all competitors as well as bonus prize money, is intended to hammer home the message to motorists that a change to unleaded fuel need not lead to a loss of performance on the road. Every competing Honda coupé will carry bold livery to emphasize the point.

Mobil, who also backed Derek Bell's drive in the RAC Rally last week with a Vauxhall Astra GTE running on lead-free fuel, is hoping that a wider use of the fuel in motor sport will encourage a change of thinking on the garage forecourt.

BOWLS

Venue criticized after play gets rained off again

From David Rhys Jones, Auckland

When the women's world bowls judicial committee called play off for the second day in succession at Auckland yesterday, the universal "I told you so" brigade could not resist having their say.

"November is always an unsettled month in New Zealand," one local meteorologist said, while another pundit, who had watched the four Henderson greens being constructed only a few years ago, added: "These greens don't drain well — they've had nothing but trouble with them from the very beginning."

These comments, together with more general criticism from most of the overseas competitors that the basic levels are not true enough for a world event, call into question many of the planning decisions that have shaped these 1988 championships.

Last week, when the weather was good, there was a rough and ready, pragmatic acceptance of the playing conditions. Even the leading Irish woman, Margaret Johnston, the new world pairs champion, who had been critical of the greens from the beginning, was careful to add: "There is no such thing as a perfect bowling green, and of course we must accept them — they are after all the same for everybody."

Now that the "tricky and uneven" Henderson greens have been under water for two days, however, many are opining that these championships are being played at the wrong time and at the wrong venue.

Not that all the questionable decisions were made at the planning stage. The abrupt amendment to last week's schedule to accommodate the needs of television, and the insistence that play should continue after dark on Wednesday have not endeared the organizers to players or Press, and the tournament organizer, Bill McCormick, a transparently reluctant spokesman clearly found it difficult to explain yesterday's decision of the Judicial Committee.

McCormick hinted that the committee may have acted prematurely by abridging the event with four days left for play. "Obviously there was no chance of play today," he said, "but with 10 sessions to play and four days available, the committee has decreed in its wisdom that fours matches will be curtailed to 15 ends instead of the customary 21, and that the new singles target will be 21 shots instead of 25, so that four sessions may be played tomorrow."

Everything now depends on the Auckland skies.

VOLLEYBALL

Struggling Spark face season's pacemakers

By Roddy Mackenzie

Time Out Spark, who have struggled to emulate their form of the first half of last season, have been drawn to face Star Aquila, the team which has taken up the pace-setting role that Spark adopted last year, in the quarter-finals of the Royal Bank English Men's Cup.

Spark defeated Team APS in Saturday's second round tie 15-11, 15-7, 15-7 with Rob Wiggett, the coach, able to run his bench in the final set, but Aquila will be a different proposition on December 17.

Nevertheless, Wiggett said yesterday: "Having already beaten Malory, I feel we can get the better of anyone on the day. Team APS made us work for our victory with the former England international, Bobby Smith, in their side but we have no reason to fear anyone these days."

Liverpool's nerves failed them in the first set of last year's cup final against Malory but they are doubly determined to go all the way this year and are at home to Speedwell Rucanor in the quarter-finals, having beaten Radio Trent Rockets 15-6, 14-16, 15-12, 15-8 on Saturday.

Malory, the holders, will entertain Hilton Leeds, the team which surprisingly defeated them in the league, and Staffordshire Moorlands are hosts to Redwood Lodge. Malory eased through their second round tie against MGI Wessex 15-8, 15-6, 17-15.

Ashcombe Syenco, the women's cup holders, defeated Roundwood Hearts 15-10, 15-1, 14-16, 15-5 in the first round on Saturday and were yesterday drawn at home to Speedwell in the quarter-finals.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Royal Bank English Cup: Men: Malory v Hilton Leeds; Staffordshire Moorlands v Redwood Lodge; Time Out Spark v Star Aquila; Liverpool City v Speedwell Rucanor. Women: Southgate v Hilton Leeds; Ashcombe Syenco v Speedwell Bristol; Sovereign Lessing Sale v Birmingham; Britannia v Chelmsford Partners.

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Longriver Lady looks poised for encore

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Longriver Lady, who looks to have a bright future over fences, appeals as today's best bet in the Tattersalls Mares Only Novices' Chase Qualifier at Newton Abbot.

Last season Richard Holder's five-year-old won the final of a similar series over hurdles, storming home eight lengths clear of her rivals in the Hoechst Panacur EBF Novices' Handicap at Newbury.

When she tackled fences for the first time in public at Uttoxeter earlier this month, Longriver Lady was equally impressive, coming home seven lengths and 10 lengths ahead of the more experienced pair, Ickworth and Bishopdale.

Her jumping was exemplary and, having made virtually all the running over that 2½ miles, she seems unlikely to be worried by today's shorter distance and sharp track.

Indeed, if she jumps as well as she did at Uttoxeter, Longriver Lady should prove much too good for this opposition, which is headed by Firmiter, Handy Lane, Katy Quick and Roy's Dilemma.



Richard Holder: double prospects at Newton Abbot

Earlier in the day, **Sonny Hill Lad** has a sound chance of initiating a double for Holder in the *Horse and Hound* West Country Challenge Cup for amateur riders.

With Martin Pipe's stable continuing its formidable progress, no one will be surprised if the Claude Whitley Memorial Challenge Cup is won by **Bonanza Boy**, even on his seasonal debut.

The lack of a previous race does not seem to matter in this particular yard as both Beau Ranger and Strands Of Gold demonstrated so ably at a higher level last week.

Bonanza Boy faces a difficult task on his reappearance with 12 stone but should be capable of defying that burden if he can recapture the form which enabled him to win his first three chases for Philip Hobbs last autumn.

Blue Rainbow, another successful member of the all-conquering Wellington stable, should also prove hard to beat in the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Qualifier at Huntingdon following those recent victories at Market Rasen and Taunton.

Long Engagement, at his best, would have a clear chance in the Peterborough Chase but he has twice disappointed this season at Devon and Ascot.

In the circumstances, it may well pay to oppose him here with **Townley Stone**, who is not quite the force he was but still finished a commendable third in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham last time.

No matter how he fares on Long Engagement, Richard Dunwoody has sound prospects on Ace Of Spies (2.30) and **Ibn Majed** (3.0).

Ibn Majed, who begins his steeplechasing career in the Netherkelly Novices Chase, was far and away superior to these opponents over hurdles.

There should be little between **Kadan** and Skycat in the Nashton Building Handicap Hurdle, judged on the way that they ran at Wolverhampton at the beginning of this month when they finished second and third respectively behind Windbound Lass.

Kadan gets the vote as he might have won that day but for misjudging the last hurdle.

● Jessica Charles-Jones, who broke her back in a fall at Southwell two months ago, is making good progress in Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, but has been advised against spending Christmas Day at home.



Ravinella, seen here winning last year's Cheveley Park Stakes, tops the bill at the Newmarket December Sales today

Ravinella the main attraction at sales

By George Rae

Ravinella, the winner of the English and French 1,000 Guineas this season, comes under the hammer at the Newmarket December Sales today. She is being offered following the death in September of her part-owner, Roland de Chambure, who with Alec Head raced her in the name of Ecurie Aland.

The daughter of Mr Prospector, out of the Northern Dancer mare Really Lucky, was trained in France by Criquette Head. She also numbered the 1987 Cheveley Park Stakes among her major victories, and last ran earlier this month when seventh to Miesque in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs, Kentucky.

She is certain to create massive interest among the bloodstock market's leading players, and her sale poses the intriguing question whether her eventual purchaser will keep her in training or decide to breed from her immediately.

Ravinella is the leading light of a powerful 34-strong consignment from Societe Aland being offered in two groups today and tomorrow. Besides Ravinella in today's draft, the 1987 Prix Robert Papin winner Balawaki, who precedes Ravinella into the ring, is another high quality lot.

Mecca mission for Sprowston Boy

By Phil McLennan

Sprowston Boy, who reserves his best form for Sandown Park's demanding circuit, will shoulder top weight of 11st 10lb in the £30,000 Mecca Bookmakers' Handicap Hurdle at the Esher course on Saturday.

With Celtic Shot missing the race in favour of the Bula Hurdle a week later, the weights rose 7lb at yesterday's confirmation-of-entry stage when 17 stood their ground.

"He loves Sandown and seems to run his best races there," Paul Kelleway, Sprowston Boy's trainer, said yesterday. "We'd like it a bit softer, though."

Sprowston Boy has gained two of his three win over hurdles at Sandown including the William Hill Imperial Cup in March. He also ran a fine race when an eight-length second to Celtic Shot in the Mecca Hurdle 12 months ago, conceding the subsequent Champion Hurdle winner 12lb.

Cashew King, third in last year's race, two lengths behind Sprowston Boy, meets his rival on a 1lb better terms on Saturday. The County Hurdle winner was confirmed as a definite runner by Bryan McMahon yesterday.

"He was a bit big on his first run of the season at Cheltenham and has come on a lot since then," the Tamworth trainer said. "The frost we've had in the Midlands has held us up a little but he's not far short of his peak."

One trainer delighted at the rise in the weights was Andy Turnell whose Tebitto is now able to meet Calapaez on 4lb better terms than when they met at Cheltenham last month.

Calapaez, the subsequent Gerry Feilden Hurdle runner-up, finished four lengths ahead of Tebitto on that occasion but Turnell is putting up talented conditional rider Ian Lawrence, who claims 7lb and can ride at 9st 7lb.

The sponsors make Intuition, runner-up to the well-backed Assultan at Ascot 10 days ago, 4-1 favourite. Intuition's trainer, Reg Akehurst, will also saddle Nebris, a respectable second to Celtic Shot at Leicester last week.

Another trainer likely to be double-handed is John Edwards, who has left in Ekbalco Hurdle winner Cliffalda and Firm Price, recently bought out of Mary Reveley's stable at the Doncaster sales.

Irish act on problem of non-triers

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent
Dublin

Under increasing pressure to do something about the problem of non-triers in Irish racing, Michael Dargan, the senior steward of the Turf Club, yesterday disclosed details of the setting-up of a new standing committee, entitled the racing controls committee.

Lord Hemphill, the former holder of the senior steward's post, has been named to head the new five-man committee.

The new body will have extensive powers but first and foremost will regulate, control and adjudicate upon the conduct not merely of trainers, riders and owners but also of all persons who attend race meetings.

The committee will be able to impose fines up to Ir£1,000 and suspensions for any period up to three months. If they believe that the breach of rules deserves a suffer penalty they will report the matter to the stewards of the Turf Club.

Where the committee feels a horse has not been allowed to run on its merits, they will be able to instruct the Keeper of the Match Book to refuse to accept any entries or declarations for such a horse for a period up to three months.

Cumani takes overseas award

Luca Cumani has won the International Racing Bureau's Derby Award for the leading British trainer abroad in 1988. Cumani, previously successful in 1983, accumulated £719,752, due largely to the wins of Kahyasi in the Budweiser Irish Derby and Infamy in the Rothmans International in Canada.

Runner-up for the second consecutive year was John Dunlop (£669,673), who, with Henry Cecil (£406,978), Michael Jarvis (£406,645) and Robert Armstrong (£338,694), contributed to a record £4,789,697 won overseas by British trainers.

Chaotic start baffles crowd

There was confusion at the start of the Federation Brewery Novices' Chase Qualifier at Catterick Bridge yesterday when the field was dispatched with well-backed Holly Buoy standing at a distance to the rear of the field.

Holly Buoy refused to race but was considered to be under starter's orders. At a stewards' inquiry, the starter, John Mangles, said: "I was hoping that Holly Buoy would come up and join the others when the rest of the field jumped off".

British duo for Sydney race

Sheriff's Star, trained by Lady Herries, and John Dunlop's Almaarad have been invited to contest the Tancred Stakes, worth US$1 million, at Rosehill, Sydney, next March. Both sets of connections have accepted.

Dunlop sent Highland Chieftain to finish second to the Australian-trained Beau Zam in the inaugural running earlier this year.

HUNTINGDON

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Milton Bryan.
1.30 Townley Stone.
2.00 Kadan.
2.30 Ace Of Spies.
3.00 Ibn Majed.
3.30 Blue Rainbow.

By Michael Seely
1.30 Long Engagement. 3.00 ANOTHER SCHEDULE (nap).

Going: good to firm

1.0 HOUGHTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,128: 2m 100yd) (18 runners)

1	P-P3401	GAELIC LOVER 14 (D,F) (D Eaton) B Richmond 4-11-13	D Telfer (7)	90
2	0-0	COMEDY SAIL 8 (S Woods) S Dow 4-11-8	R Guest	96
3	P0-	GOTHIC FORD 26F (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 4-11-8	R Fahey (4)	—
4	56	KING OF KNOWLEDGE 10 (J Gardner) B McMath 4-11-8	W Hayes (7)	—
5	U6-P0	SEARCH THE WIND 38 (C Read) C Read 4-11-8	Dale McKeown	—
6	6-	TELEGRAPH FOLLY 148F (A Mabb) R Hood 4-11-8	M Hood (7)	—
7	0	PERSIAN TAPESTRY 8 (S Stelcher) P Cundell 4-11-3	C Cox	—
8	0U34P-0	TINA'S BEAUTY 17 (P Bradley) J Redmond 4-11-3	D Gallagher	97
9		FLYING FRANKIE 77F (G McKerdy) I Campbell 3-10-10	R Campbell	—
10	032FU	INVOLVED AGAIN 8 (BF) (B Pearce) F O'Mahony 3-10-10	E Murphy	86
11	P3P0	IT'S A BREEZE 45 (B) (C Lawrence) J Sayers 3-10-10	R Rowe	93
12	35445	MILL DE LEASE 15 (J Pepper) J Jenkins 3-10-10	R Dunwoody	● 98
13	4622	MILTON BRYAN 12 (A Markham) J Fitch-Heyes 3-10-10	R Goldstein	85
14	P	POWER REIGNS 6 (Mrs K Baldry) P Butler 3-10-10	—	—
15	5	SILVER ARCH 11 (G A Farndon Eng Ltd) R Hollinshead 3-10-10	Gary Lyons (7)	—
16	F502	CARBON LADY 8 (J South) J Harris 3-10-5	J A Harris	—
17	3	MACKENZIES 8 (B) (M Ryan) M Ryan 3-10-5	J Ryan (4)	—
18	0	YOUR OFFICE 18 (J Coupland) M Chapman 3-10-5	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 Milton Bryan, 7-2 Comedy Sail, 5-1 Mill De Lease, 6-1 Gaelic Lover, 8-1 Gothic Ford, 10-1 Carbon Lady, Persian Tapestry, 12-1 others.

1987: DONNAS DARLING 9-12 D Tegg (10-1) B Stevens 25 ran

FORM CARBON LADY finished 25l 2nd to Baby Come Home at Leicester last time (2m, good) with MACKENZIES (same terms) 2l farther back 3rd. INVOLVED AGAIN unseated when challenging the winner two out. INVOLVED AGAIN earlier ran creditably in a well-contested Southwell seller (2m, good) when 4l 2nd of 15 to Talmeluk, a winner again since.
GAELIC LOVER got off the mark at Southwell last time (2m, good to firm) when beating Moloch 2l. MILL DE LEASE has shown good form in novices' hurdles but was well beaten in a Wolverhampton claimer last time (2m, good) when 35l 5th of 14 to Whistling Tiger.
MILTON BRYAN was 3l 2nd to Peaconpeia at Taunton (2m 1f, firm), the pair clear. COMEDY SAIL takes a drop in class after finishing 22l 7th of 21 to Olympic Times in a Windsor novices' hurdle (2m 30yd, good). Should be more at home in this company.
Selection: INVOLVED AGAIN

1.30 PETERBOROUGH CHASE (Listed race: £6,947: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1	1100-F4	LONG ENGAGEMENT 10 (G,S) (Mrs A Davies) D Nicholson 7-11-5	R Dunwoody	● 99
2	253-553	CLAY HILL 18 (D,F,B) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 9-11-1	R Rowe	96
3	16-9321	FRED THE TREAD 11 (BF,F) (G Greenwood) T Casey 8-11-1	G McCourt	81
4	251-333	TOWNLEY STONE 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Townley) J Webber 9-11-1	G Mernagh	94

BETTING: 2-1 Townley Stone, 9-4 Long Engagement, 5-1 Clay Hill, 9-2 Fred the Tread.

1987: VERY PROMISING 9-11-9 R Dunwoody (2-7 fav) D Nicholson 3 ran

FORM LONG ENGAGEMENT, a useful chaser last season, has shown little sparkle in two starts this term. Last time finished 17½l last of four to Vodkatini at Ascot (2m, good to firm) but is favoured by the race conditions.
FRED THE TREAD is developing into a smart novice. Last time beat Blood Blade 5l at Ascot (2m, good to firm) but moves up in class here. CLAY HILL ran his best race this season when 2l 3rd of five to Tarn at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm).
TOWNLEY STONE has performed well in all three races this season. Ran his best race last time when 11½l 3rd of 13 to Pegwell Bay at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: TOWNLEY STONE (nap)

2.0 NASHTON BUILDING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,931: 2m 100yd) (20 runners)

1	55035-4	JAZETA9 11 (D,S) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 5-12-0	G Bradley	93
2	00505-5	RANELAGH 10 (D,S) (Mrs J Heloip) M Jarvis 5-11-9	Mr T Grantham	92
3	0P4190-	FLEET COMMANDER 237 (D,S) (M Meade) O Sherwood 5-11-7	M Richards	80
4	11-1224	RULING DYNASTY 24 (B,D,F,S) (B Fry) R O'Sullivan 4-11-6	D O'Sullivan (7)	89
5	32331/0-	RICMAR 392 (D,F,S) (Miss W Haward) J Jenkins 5-11-4	M Ahern (4)	—
6	441P43-	FEELING ROSEY 269 (D,G,S) (D Todd) D Todd 5-11-4	—	81
7	F1030-4	GANOON 8 (D,S) (Mrs R Morris) J Jenkins 5-11-3	—	95
8	1FP02-	DUAL CAPACITY 29F (D,G) (A Field) W Musson 4-11-1	R Beggan	92
9	5/61145-	CREEAGER 29F (D,S) (J M Berry) J Wharton 6-10-12	S J O'Neill	90
10	0-23069	AMATORY 21 (B,D,F) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 5-10-11	M Lynch	● 99
11	4510-12	KADAN 22 (D,BF,G) (M Whatley) M Tompkins 4-10-11	P Tuck	92
12	1326-02	AFARISTOUN 17 (D,S) (H Kaye) J Edwards 4-10-10	T Morgan	96
13	0223-14	TAMATOUR 18 (D,BF,G) (J Furlong) J Ringer 5-10-9	G McCourt	90
14	36040P-	PRIME NUMBER 239 (D,S) (B Wiledon) Mrs S Armytage 5-10-8	Gee Armytage	91
15	6643	CANONESS 8 (D,BF,F) (A Byrne) P Hayward 7-10-4	D Gallagher	96
16	5321-32	SKY CAT 8 (D,BF,F) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-10-3	R Marley	94
17	151-005	RED TIMBER 12 (D,F) (M West) D Nicholson 4-10-1	R Dunwoody	90
18	6/0611P-	YANKEE SILVER 353 (D,G,S) (T King) G Gracey 7-10-0	Miss Z Davison	86
19	00-041	CAMPSEA-ASH 11 (D,F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-10-0	A Mulholland (4)	80
20	0F/F-331	BARRERA LAD 8 (D,F,G) (R Townsend) R Townsend 8-10-0	P Holley (7)	85

Long handicap: Campsea-Ash 9-3, Barrera Lad 9-1.

BETTING: 7-2 Kadan, 5-1 Sky Cat, 11-2 Canoness, 6-1 Afaristoun, 8-1 Fleet Commander, 10-1 Ranelagh, Red Timber, Tamatour, 12-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM AFARISTOUN finished 8l 2nd to Assultan, a winner again since, at Windsor last time (2m 30yd, good to firm) with BARRERA LAD (16lb worse off) 2½l farther back in 3rd and CANONESS (3lb better off) a neck 4th. BARRERA LAD has since won at Windsor (2m30yd, good) beating Star Of A Gunner 1l with CANONESS (13lb better off) 1l away 3rd.
KADAN, a winner at Fakenham earlier in the season (2m 80yd, good), ran well when ½l 2nd to Windbound Lass at Wolverhampton (2m, good) with SKY CAT (3lb better off) 2l behind 3rd. SKY CAT has since finished ½l 2nd of 12 to Brown Rifle at Haydock (2m, good to soft).
DUAL CAPACITY, fit from a recent run on the Flat, ran well on his first start last term when ½l 2nd to Blazing Walker at Haydock (2m 3f, good to soft) with a below-form AFARISTOUN (11lb better off) a well beaten 6th.
Selection: AFARISTOUN

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2.30 BBC RADIO CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,917: 3m) (7 runners)

1	63P-259	ACE OF SPIES 17 (D,F,S) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 7-11-13	R Dunwoody	● 99
2	0131U4-	WOODGATE 269 (D,G,S) (S Sansbury) T Forster 7-11-10	L Harvey	89
3	50F6-U0	SMARTSIDE 15 (D,G,S) (P Barley) C Allen 13-11-2	Mr A Hambly	—
4	43-3348	TRAILING ROSE 11 (BF,S) (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 9-10-2	P Niven	96
5	U/SP5-4	THE FRUIT 11 (F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 9-10-0	Mrs N Ledger	80
6	F5344B	DORNVALLEY LAD 11 (C,F,G) (B Gordon) P Pritchard 7-10-0	P Hadley (7)	84
7	P3236-0	JOHN O'DEE 54 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-0	Gee Armytage	82

Long handicap: Dornvalley Lad 9-1, John O'Dee 8-11.

BETTING: 9-4 Woodgate, 11-4 Ace Of Spies, 3-1 Trailing Rose, 10-1 The Fruit, 12-1 Dornvalley Lad, Smartside, 14-1 John O'Dee.

1987: TREYFORD 7-12-3 L Harvey (4-6 fav) T Forster 4 ran

FORM ACE OF SPIES, outclassed behind Pegwell Bay in the Mackeson at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm) last time, put up his best effort this season when a staying-on 8l 2nd to Worthy Knight at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm).
WOODGATE, a fair novice last term, won at Warwick (2m 4f, good to soft) and Lingfield (3m, heavy).
TRAILING ROSE, who slipped up when close up in 3rd last time out, had earlier finished a fair 4l 4th to Harcu-Gine at Cadenck (3m 1f 80yd, good to firm).
JOHN O'DEE, in need of the race when a well-beaten 9th to Jay-Dee-Jay at Cheltenham (2m 4f, firm) on his seasonal debut, put up his best effort of last season when a 5l 2nd to Bolt Hole at Folkestone (3m 2f, firm).
Selection: ACE OF SPIES

3.0 NETHERKELLY NOVICES CHASE (£1,800: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	144-U1F	HOGMANAY 46 (BF,F) (R Hurst) R Casey 6-11-11	R Rowe	81
2	22-2253	RANDOM TRAVELLER 18 (D,G) (A Phelps) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-11	—	96
3	1F40-33	ANOTHER SCHEDULE 21 (BF,F,G) (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 7-11-4	B de Haan	94
4	1233-P0	ARCTIC CAVALIER 12 (S) (Segray Properties Limited) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4	—	—
5	0/13-325	BARJOORA 28 (F) (D Wright) R O'Sullivan 5-11-4	D O'Sullivan (7)	86
6	0/42-	DERCANDER 255 (N Clotton) Lady Herries 5-11-4	Mr T Grantham	● 98
7	0F-P3P0	END OF ERA 10 (F,G,S) (Miss K Allen) T Kersey 10-11-4	G Powell	—
8	0686-P4	GENERAL FROST 22 (O Henley) P Butler 7-11-4	K Barke	—
9	U0364-6	HALLO MATEY 87 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-4	E Buckley	91
10	501P-33	IBN MAJED 11 (F,G,S) (P O'Donnell) C Spares 8-11-4	R Dunwoody	—
11	523300-	LOVER BILL 244 (Dr P Brown) M Wilkinson 6-11-4	M Lynch	—
12	6F3-823	RANDOM CHARGE 17 (S) (P De Wilde) A Turnell 7-11-4	Steve Knight	97
13	332U-P3	THE COBALT UNIT 11 (B Byford) B Byford 9-11-4	Mr T Moore	79
14	50FF-45	THE DOORMAKER 33 (A Harvey Ltd Maidenhead) T Forster 6-11-4	N Davies	—
15	P30F-43	TOMMY'S TREASURE 17 (Mrs R Williams) Mrs R Williams 11-11-4	Mr S Cowell	81
16	P0PP0-P	TOYTOWN 13 (Mrs P Ransom) P Ransom 7-11-4	R Guest	—

BETTING: 3-1 Ibn Majed, 7-2 Another Schedule, 9-2 Random Charge, 6-1 Tommys Treasure, 8-1 Arctic Cavalier, 10-1 Hogmanay, 12-1 others.

1987: FARMLEA BOY 7-11-0 R Guest (7-2) G Balding 14 ran

FORM HOGMANAY fell last time out at Plumpton (2m 4f, good) but had earlier impressed when accounting for Votnaraba at Market Rasen (2m 5f, good to firm) by a comfortable 10l. RANDOM TRAVELLER, an easy winner at Fontwell (2m 4f, good) this season, was a creditable 3l 3rd to Agashist at Warwick (2m 4f, good to firm) last time out.
IBN MAJED, a useful hurdler, makes his chasing debut. Latest effort over hurdles was a 24l 3rd to Saben Du Lor at Ascot (2m4f, good to firm).
RANDOM CHARGE put up his best effort this term when a 10l 2nd to Pharoah's Lawn, a winner since, at Wincanton (2m 5f, good) with ANOTHER SCHEDULE (same terms) a further 2½l away 3rd.
Selection: HOGMANAY

3.30 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,012: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1	40-F211	BLUE RAINBOW 12 (D,F,G) (A Lomas) M Pipe 5-11-12	J Lower	87
2	3-14	ANBANREE 24 (F) (S Lee) D Murray-Smith 5-10-12	G Bradley	—
3	F	BEV'S DELIGHT 8 (Mrs A Bull) J Jenkins 4-10-12	M Ahern (4)	—
4	F008/5	BUSY MITTENS 24 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 7-10-12	G McCourt	92
5	550/3-32	CAOIMHE 8 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 6-10-12	R Dunwoody	● 99
6	U0-	DIWAN-I-KHAS 269 (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 4-10-12	L Harvey	—
7	P0	GOLDEN SCALLY 8 (W Gale) J Gifford 4-10-12	R Rowe	—
8	0	HERBERTO 25 (Mrs M Williams) J Glover 5-10-12	S Harris (7)	—
9	03-2422	KIRI'S SONG 15 (J Needham) J Needham 5-10-12	A Gorman	97
10	2025-	NORTHERN JINKS 218 (Mrs E Smith) P Jones 5-10-12	M Kinane	81
11		POLARIS SONG (Mrs M McInnes Skinner) M Skinner 4-10-12	S Woods (4)	—
12	2000-04	QUAY WALL 19 (Duke of Devonshire) F Walwyn 5-10-12	K Mooney	95
13	/0P40-P	RHINE ARIA 26 (Thrinacia Investments Ltd) M Robinson 6-10-12	J White	80
14	00-0P	SPRING SUN 8 (Ralph Cross) S Dow 4-10-12	R Guest	—

BETTING: 5-2 Caoimhe, 7-2 Blue Rainbow, 4-1 Anbanree, 6-1 Kiri's Song, 10-1 Quay Wall, 12-1 Bev's Delight, 14-1 Northern Jinks, Golden Scally, 16-1 others.

1987: ROSIE CONE 5-10-12 Steve Knight (20-1) Mrs P Sly 16 ran

FORM BLUE RAINBOW followed up a victory at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good) with a 4l defeat of Cantorial at Taunton (2m 1f, firm) last time out. Penalized 14lb penalty for those victories. ANBANREE makes his hurdling debut. Won a National Hunt Flat race on this course (2m 100yd, good to firm) on seasonal debut and has since run creditably in a similar event at Sandown (2m, good to firm).
BUSY MITTENS was not given a hard race on her seasonal debut when a never-nearer 9l 5th to Rickeston Lad at Chepstow (2m, soft), her first outing for 18 months. CAOIMHE was just touched off by Setter Country, beaten only a head, at Windsor (2m 30yd, good) last time out with GOLDEN SCALLY unplaced. KIRI'S SONG has run consistently this term, last time finishing 1l 2nd to Lyns Magic at Wolverhampton (2m 6f 110yd, good).
Selection: BUSY MITTENS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Walwyn	3	9	33.3
J Edwards	6	20	30.0
J Gifford	21	98	21.4
O Sherwood	9	44	20.5
M Ryan	6	33	18.2
P Cundell	4	24	16.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Marley	3	7	42.9
R Fahey	3	8	37.5
Mr T Grantham	3	13	23.1
K Mooney	4	18	22.2
G Bradley	4	18	22.2
Steve Knight	4	19	21.1

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Mister Christian.
1.15 Sonny Hill Lad.
1.45 Bonanza Boy.
2.15 Up The Ladder.
2.45 LONGRIVER LADY (nap).
3.15 Just Measure.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 Bonanza Boy.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 LONGRIVER LADY.

Going: good (chase course); good to firm (hurdles)

12.45 TURFCALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SERIES HANDICAP CHASE (Round VI: £2,343: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1	4P0-222	MISTER CHRISTIAN 17 (S) (Mrs G Galsford) D Barons 7-11-10	N Hawke	92
2	533-213	CORN MERCHANT 4 (CD,F) (Mrs L Osborne) R Frost 7-11-6	P Johnson	87
3	3FFU-5P	THORNTON 12 (C,G,S) (E Tanner) J Baker 9-11-5	W McFarland	—
4	5FP414/	NON-SMOKER 748 (F) (D Hodges) M Pipe 7-11-0	J Railton	—
5	033189P	COPGROVE 6 (C,F) (B Pike) P Hobbs 6-10-13	D Hood	88
6	10RP-P2	TULLOMAGRANGE 13 (F) (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 9-10-12	I Lawrence	90
7	4R66-13	KASHILL 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 10-10-11	M Muggeridge	91
8	0/0642-	DIM DRUMS 211 (BF) (I Blair) I Blair 9-10-0	P McDermott	● 99

Long handicap: Dim Drums 9-8

BETTING: 2-1 Mister Christian, 100-30 Corn Merchant, 9-2 Non-Smoker, 7-1 Copgrove, 9-1 Tullomagrange, 12-1 Kashill, 14-1 Thornton, 33-1 Dim Drums.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.15 HORSE AND HOUND WEST COUNTRY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £3,874: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

1	026360-	BEECH ROAD 290 (D,G,S) (T Geake) G Balding 6-12-4	J Geake (7)	● 99
2	43423-0	HITCHCOCK 31 (G,S) (R Padgham) J Edwards 5-10-8	P Fenton	97
3	0422/4P-	LONGEHURST 339 (B,G,S) (M Constance) R Manning 5-10-8	G Upton (7)	95
4	2UP02F-	MILITARY BAND 275 (C,S) (T Jones) W Turner 10-10-3	P Verling (4)	89
5	022-111	PERTEMPS NETWORK 90 (CD,F) (Pertemps Limited) M Pipe 4-10-2	—	96
6	1211F2	SONNY HILL LAD 21 (CD,F,G,S) (P Dening) R Holder 5-10-1	N Mann (7)	93
7	0133-	GWENNAP 234 (S) (Mrs D H-Waldron) N Henderson 5-10-0	G Johnson Houghton (7)	92
8	F36OF0	DANNY'S LUCK 21 (C,F,G) (P Hobbs) D Barons 8-10-0	A Stronge (7)	95
9	60002P-	GALLANT BUCK 230 (S) (C Brinson) P Rodford 8-10-0	C Maude (7)	93
10	35102P-	DROWSY 222 (S,S) (D London) O Sherwood 6-10-0	D Bennieworth (7)	85
11	0/550-01	GAMBLING ROYAL 16 (D,G) (C Roach) C Roach 5-10-0	R Greene (7)	89
12	00-0321	CAMDEN BELLE 3 (F,G) (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 6-10-0 (7ex)	C Burnett-Wells (7)	83
13	051PPP/	SHANNAGARY 614 (Hunt & Co Ltd) J Old 7-10-0	P Lewis (7)	—
14	P06F-03	BASKET WEAVE 19 (F,G) (J Sayers) G Balding 7-10-0	S Clifford (7)	82
15	4362	CAME COTTAGE 19 (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-10-0	Miss R Vickery (7)	80
16	0/5-040	LIFFEY TRAVEL 56 (G) (Manor Racing Limited) N Mitchell 6-10-0	A Tory (7)	—
17	041204-	BUSHIDO 280 (S) (J Whitburn) G Ham 5-10-0	S Burrough (7)	89
18	036106/	AYAD 589 (BF,D) (Constructive Interiors) W Turner 8-10-0	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—

Long handicaps: Danny's Luck 9-17, Gallant Buck 9-11, Drowsy 9-10, Gambling Royal 9-6, Camden Belle 8-13, Shannagary 9-5, Basket Weave 9-3, Came Cottage 9-0, Liffey Travel 8-8, Bushido 8-8, Ayad 8-8.

BETTING: 9-2 Pertemps Network, 6-1 Sonny Hill Lad, 8-1 Beech Road, Gwennap, 9-1 Longghurst, 10-1 Drowsy, Hitchcock, 12-1 Basket Weave, Gallant Buck, Military Band, 14-1 Camden Belle, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Sherwood	9	18	50.0
M Pipe	81	273	29.7
N Henderson	4	15	26.7
D Elsworth	16	61	26.2
R Holder	14	70	20.0
G Ham	4	27	14.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	45	120	37.5
M Williams	13	73	17.8
A Webb	6	45	13.3
N Coleman	10	77	13.0
A Jones	6	46	13.0
R Millman	11	107	10.3

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 — B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F lf flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

1.45 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,752: 3m 2f 100yd) (8 runners)

1	143235-	BONANZA BOY 237 (F,G,S) (S Dunster) M Pipe 7-12-0	P Scudamore	88
2	PP-323P	BROADHEATH 10 (CD,F,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 11-11-4	P Nicholls	95
3	1056-50	TABERNA LORD 19 (G,S) (R Jackson) A J Wilson 7-11-1	S Cowley	85
4	F21F19-	TEAM CHALLENGE 220 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-13	—	97
5	542212-	EASTER CARNIVAL 313 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Best) K Bishop 12-10-10	S Earle	95
6	4/0013T-	A BOY NAMED SIOUX 241 (CD,F,G,S) (S Stevens) S Stevens 8-10-9	Mr P Verling (4)	● 99
7	6/PU032	DELATOR 19 (CD,S) (P Brewer) J Roberts 11-10-0	B Dowling	83
8	0P0/0FP	TOM'S WHATSISNAME 5 (T Staddon) W Williams 7-10-0	Mark Williams	—

Long handicap: Delator 8-12, Tom's Whatsisname 7-7.

BETTING: 5-2 Team Challenge, 7-2 Bonanza Boy, 4-1 A Boy Named Sioux, 7-1 Broadheath, Easter Carnival, 9-1 Taberna Lord, 20-1 Delator, 50-1 Tom's Whatsisname.

1987: TORSIDE 8-11-10 M Perrett (11-8 fav) M Pipe 4 ran

**2.15 CORNERST

RUGBY UNION

Foster earns Blue for Cambridge at Herrod's expense

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The harder decisions have been made by Cambridge in determining the teams to play in the 107th University match — sponsored for the thirteenth time by C T Bowring and Co — at Twickenham next Tuesday. Whereas Oxford have assumed the look of a comfortable overcoat in the regularity of their appearances this term, Cambridge, affected by injury, have had to judge between several talented players.

The most obvious absentee is Herrod, the 26-year-old prop who played last December in his sixth University match, three on Oxford's behalf and three for Cambridge, and had to wait until the record sixth before appearing on the winning side. This term, however, he damaged knee ligaments playing against Bridgend and Foster has siezed his chance, showing up particularly well in a bruising encounter against Neath on Friday.

Foster, who was educated in Oxford at Magdalen College School, is one of 10 Cambridge players who will win their Blue; Oxford, similarly, have only five Blues returning, among them Stileman who had to wait three years before Cambridge picked him in the 1985 match.

Vessey, the Oxford captain, appears at Twickenham for the fifth successive time and thus equals the Oxford record established between 1976 and 1980 by Enevoldson, the prop who also captained his university. Herrod's six appearances leave him level with H G Fuller, who played six times for Cambridge between 1878 and 1883.

Cambridge have named Buzza at full back, in the hope that the Cornishman will have recovered from a bruised shoulder by next week. He wins the place ahead of Risman, the secretary and a Blue as a replacement last season, and Tunningley who has performed more than adequately. Glasgow, too, has recovered from injury just in time and will play on the right wing where he has scored seven tries this term.

Hancock, the Cambridge captain, admits he is less than happy that Wainwright, the flanker, will not join the team until late on Sunday night, when he flies back from Italy, having played for Scotland in the B international that day.

"If anyone can cope with the physical demands, Rob can," Hancock added. The fitness of Wainwright, a medical student who is in the Army, has passed into local lore.

Perhaps the unluckiest player in Oxford's squad is Cook, the full back, who played throughout the first six weeks of term. He has given way to Egerton, the Australian who played in last year's match but who broke his jaw on tour in Japan and returned only midway through this month, against Major Stanley's XV.

Oxford field their full XV in their final match of term this evening — the rearranged encounter with London Scottish at Iffley Road — while the Oxford Greyhounds play the Cambridge LX Club at Grange Road today in the "little" University match, after which Cambridge will name their replacements for Twickenham.

The Rugby Football Union expect a crowd of 50,000 for a match which will feature four internationals on Oxford's side — Ian Williams, Smith and Coker, of Australia, and Kirk, of New Zealand — and one for Cambridge, Hall, the centre who may reasonably expect to be named on Friday for his fourth Welsh cap, against Romania.

UNIVERSITY MATCH TEAMS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *R H Egerton (Manist, Canberra, Sydney University and University); I M Williams (Epping HS, Sydney, Sydney University and St Catherine's), M E O Brown (Diocesan College, University of Cape Town, and Worcester), D W Evans (Aberdare CS, University of Swansea and St Anne's), *S J R Vessey (Magdalen College School and Green, capt); B A Smith (Brisbane State HS, University of Queensland and St Anne's), *D E Kirk (Wanganui Collegiate, Otago University and Worcester); A D Williams (Fishguard CS and St Anne's), E R Norwitz (SA Collegiate, University of Cape Town and University), *T G Willis (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall), T Colker (St Paul's, Brisbane, University of Queensland and Lady Margaret Hall), *W M C Stileman (Wellington College, Cambridge University and Wycliffe), S C Wensley (Bishop of Llandaff HS and Wadham), A J Cameron (Knox GS, Sydney University and University), M S Egan (Terenure College, Dublin University and St Anne's). Replacements: S R Williams (Calday Grange GS and Lincoln), N E Sharrock (King's Macclesfield and St Edmund Hall), W H Wood (St Paul's, Cornell University and St Catherine's), G Fell (Sydney GS, Sydney University and Balliol), D A Palkinghorne (Kearsney College, Natal, and Pembroke), D J Cook (St John's Leatherhead and Christ Church).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *A J Buzza (Redruth CS, Loughborough University and Hughes Hall); I C Glasgow (Dollar Academy, St Andrews University and Magdalene). *M R Hall (Brynteg CS, Cardiff University and Wolfson), A Davies (Pencoed CS and Robinson), G Davies (Pencoed CS, UWIST and Magdalene); *A J Sutton (Llanishen HS, Loughborough University and Magdalene), *M E Hancock (Heversham GS, Loughborough University and Hughes Hall, capt); J Foster (Magdalen College School and Robinson), J Ashworth (George Fox, Lancaster, Alsager College and Homerton), S A Wordley (Queen Mary's GS, Walsall, Cardiff University and Downing), S S Bryant (Sherborne, Swansea University and Hughes Hall), M Vickerstaff (Bishop Vesey's GS and Selwyn), A Macdonald (Gordonstoun, Loughborough University and Hughes Hall), *R I Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene), *C B Vyvyan (Downside, RAC Cirencester and Wolfson).

Referee: C Norling (Wales).
* a Blue

Deserved call for Steadman

By David Hands

London must be praying that the milder, damper weather of yesterday is not a portent for December: they have named 13 of the players who beat the Australians last month for the Toshiba divisional championship match against the South and South-West at Gloucester on Saturday and must, by the same token, hope to play the dry-weather game which succeeded at Twickenham.

To be fair, they succeeded against Munster in miserable conditions, but the London style is easier to play in the conditions which have prevailed throughout most of November. The only changes are the restoration of Salmon to the centre, at the expense of Lozowski, and the inclusion of Ellison at No. 8, where he takes the place Ryan, who is injured.

Salmon was due to captain the division against the Australians, but the leadership remains with Pegler, the Wasps flanker — recognition of the inspirational qualities he brought to the job on a day when he was also one of three try-scorers for London.

There is a doubt over another of those who scored against the Wallabies: Harriman, who went on to win his first cap on England's wing earlier this month, aggravated an ankle injury playing for Harlequins against Leicester on Saturday, but an X-ray examination yesterday indicated no break.

The XV is neatly divided between Harlequins (eight) and Wasps (seven), but it is appropriate to see Steadman among the replacements. Hancock was the reserve scrum half against the Australians, but he has withdrawn because he is due to lead Cambridge in the University match three days later. So Steadman, whose energy has had so much to do with Saracens' success, takes his place.

LONDON DIVISION: S Thresher (Harlequins); A Harriman (Harlequins), F Clough (Wasps), J Salmon (Harlequins), M Bailey (Wasps); A Thompson (Harlequins), S Bates (Wasps); P Rendall (Wasps), J Olver (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Edwards (Harlequins), P Ackford (Harlequins), D Pegler (Wasps, capt), J Ellison (Wasps). **Replacements:** F Steadman (Saracens), R Lozowski (Wasps), S Pilgrim (Wasps), A Mullins (Harlequins), A Simmons (Wasps), M Rose (Wasps).

Dwyer assessment bears comparison

By David Hands

Although they never sought comparison with their 1984 predecessors, the ninth Australian touring party showed one or two similar characteristics — notably the limited depth to their game. Where they differed markedly, though, is the situation they found when they began their tour of England and Scotland, and which ended in triumph against the Barbarians in Cardiff on Saturday.

Four years ago, Andrew Slack's Wallabies won three, drew one and lost one of the games preceding the first international against England; their defence was tighter, too, in that they conceded only 47 points. This time, Nick Farr-Jones's party won three and lost three games before playing England, conceding 102 points against opponents who knew enough about Australian rugby not to play to their strengths.

The honest assessments of Bob Dwyer, the coach, of his own side's deficiencies were among the most appealing features of the touring party.

In describing the "positive" approach by England, Dwyer complimented Dick Best, London's coach, when he said: "I think they were lucky they had a very positive coach for the London division in the first game.

"The players spoke in very glowing terms of him. He set out to show the players how good they could be and showed the way to the other English divisions. England may not have been so inclined to play the way they did had the divisional approach gone astray."

England could be said to have been fortunate in that they played the touring side first, for Dwyer acknowledged two difficulties which, on future tours, he would try to avoid: the desire to give all his players a fair chance of pressing their international claims when the fixture list scarcely gave him time to do so; and the match-rustiness of his players. "I didn't realize six weeks out of the game would have such an effect," he said.

Delighted though he was at the weather which accompanied the Australians throughout the tour, Dwyer did not believe that adverse conditions would have dramatically affected his party: "We feel we can handle the ball in the mud just as easily as we can in the dry, because we feel our technique and spacing is such that the weather should not affect it." London will say aye to that.

Tour facts

AUSTRALIAN TOUR RESULTS: lost to London 10-21; lost to North 9-15; beat England B 37-9; lost to South-West 10-26; beat Midlands 25-18; beat Combined England Students 36-13; lost to England 19-28; beat Edinburgh 25-19; beat South of Scotland 29-4; beat Scottish North and Midlands 37-17; beat Scotland 32-13; beat Combined Services 48-7; beat Barbarians 40-22.

RECORD: Played 13, won 9, lost 4, points for 357, against 212. Tries 54, conversions 33, penalties 25.

SCORERS: D I Campese 60 (12 tries, 3 cons, 2 pens, 9 appearances); D J Knox 59 (4, 11, 7, 4); M P Lynagh 57 (0, 15, 9, 5); A J Leeds 37 (2, 4, 7, 3); J C Grant 20 (0, 5, 0, 7); A S Niuqila 20 (5, 0, 0, 7); P V Carozza 16 (4, 0, 0, 5); N C Farr-Jones 12 (3, 0, 0, 7); S R Gourley 12 (3, 0, 0, 7). Two tries each: B T Burke (7 appearances), J M Gardner (6), B Gervan (6), T A Lawton (6), S N Tuynman (7). One try each: D G Carter (5), T B Gavin (6), S L James (5), M I McBain (6), J S Miller (7), R C Tombs (5).

Fresh start for Cardiff

Cardiff, starting a new era under the sole coaching and selectorial influence of Gwilyn Treharne, regard tonight's home match against Llanelli as the ideal opportunity to hasten the recovery process (Peter Bills writes).

Harmony and a settled side have not been obvious factors within the Cardiff club this season. The decision of Roger Beard to relinquish his coaching and team selection duties, offers Treharne the opportunity to steer a fractured craft in the direction he sees fit.

What will concern him is why several of the clubs' senior players have not produced the form of which they are clearly capable. There have been other factors too, like the decision of Kevin Hopkins to return to Swansea after only two games in Cardiff's colours.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): QPR, Wimbledon, Bournemouth, Crystal Palace, Ipswich, Oxford, Stoke, Sunderland, Leyton Orient, Telford, Yeovil, Hibernian.
BEST DRAWS: QPR, Bournemouth, Leyton Orient, Yeovil, Hibernian.
AWAYS: Derby, Brighton, Leeds, Mansfield, Scunthorpe, Celtic.
HOMES: Luton, Manchester United, Millwall, Nottingham Forest, Bradford, Bury, Burnley, Exeter, Rotherham, Wrexham, Aberdeen, Rangers.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Luton, Manchester United, Bury, Wrexham, Aberdeen. Aways: Norwich, Derby, Brighton. Draws: QPR, Grimsby, Leyton Orient.

BOXING: COMMONWEALTH CHAMPION LOOKS FOR POSSIBLE WORLD TITLE SHOT

Jacobs on course to halt Rova's challenge

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Gary Jacobs, the exciting young Commonwealth welterweight champion, makes his first top of the bill appearance tonight at London's leading venue, the Albert Hall, and he can be expected to go to town on Richard Rova, of Zimbabwe.

Rova does not look top of the bill material for such an important venue and should not present too many problems for Jacobs, who could be challenging Simon Brown, of Jamaica, for the world title in May.

Little is known about Rova's boxing, except what his record tells us, and there seems to be some argument about that. According to *Boxing News* Rova has lost 13 of his 21 contests while the handbill of Mike Barrett, the promoter, says 23 wins in 28 contests. Barrett is also Jacobs' manager.

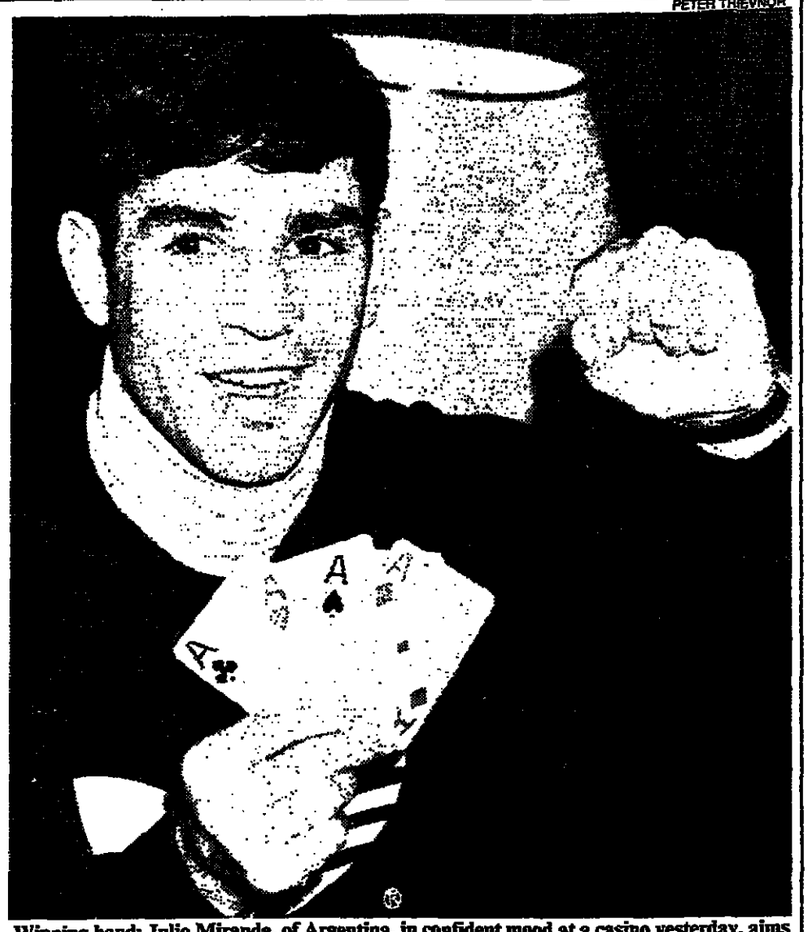
The Zimbabwean has not boxed this year and before that he did not do too well against lightweights. He was stopped in five rounds by Paul Chance, the Midland area lightweight champion, in 1982 and lost twice to Langton Tinago and Bright Spider. Mo Hussein, the West Ham lightweight, knocked out Tinago in the twelfth round in the Commonwealth title bout and crushed Bright Spider in one round.

Rova's chances against a welterweight of Jacobs' class therefore do not look too good. The Scot has had only one defeat in 22 contests and won the World Boxing Council international title by stopping the tough Javier Suazo in the tenth round. Jacobs is one of those boxers who cannot be deflected from their purpose. He should walk through Rova.

Barrett has backed up this match with two interesting bouts: Derek Williams, of Battersea, against Young Hamnoa, of Tonga, for the Commonwealth heavyweight title vacated by Horace Notice, and a middleweight bout between Anthony Logan, of Jamaica, the man who almost knocked out Nigel Benn recently, and Carlton Warren, also of Battersea.

While the heavyweight contest should be entertaining the middleweights should provide the best bout of the night. Both Logan and Warren are good punchers and take good shots. Logan's experience should tell.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Winning hand: Julio Miranda, of Argentina, in confident mood at a casino yesterday, aims to turn up trumps when he faces the former world champion, Barry McGuigan, on Thursday

Benn defends against Noel

By Jonathan Rendall

Nigel Benn's next opponent will be David Noel, of Trinidad, at Crystal palace national sports centre on December 10 in a second defence of his Commonwealth middleweight title.

The choice of Noel was settled on after the British Board of Boxing Control rejected an alternative opponent, Israel Cole, of Sierra Leon, on the grounds that his record was not of championship calibre.

Noel, who arrives in London with a party of five on Friday, will be interesting material for students of the form-line as he shares with Benn the accomplishment of having defeated Anthony Logan, of Jamaica.

Noel beat Logan over 12 rounds for the Continental Americas Championship in September; the unbeaten West Ham puncher knocked him out in two last month for the Commonwealth title.

But if that line gives the edge to the Londoner, there were some doubts in ringsiders' minds as to whether the Benn-Logan result was "genuine".

Benn had taken a count in the first round and was flirting with unconsciousness in the second before landing a haymaker out of the blue. Yesterday he acknowledged: "I was hit by 22 punches but I never took my eyes off him."

However, closer scrutiny revealed that Noel's victory over Logan is by far and away his best result. In 29 bouts he has lost five times and four of the defeats were against light-middleweights.

Benn, 19-0 with 19 knockouts, will be a heavy betting favourite with the sponsors, Coomes the bookmakers. At least against Logan Benn showed that he had the heart to get off the floor, something which the British champion and world No. 1 contender, Herol Graham, has yet to prove. But Graham has so far answered suggestions of a bout against Benn with: "Nigel who?" Benn, for his part, called Graham's victory over Johnny Melfah last week, "the worst fight I have ever seen."

Instead, Benn's promoter, Frank Maloney, is attempting to set up a contest with Michael Watson, Mickey Duff's world-ranked middleweight. Duff has apparently offered Benn £100,000 but Maloney believes his man is worth more by a half.

BASKETBALL

Hemel move in to re-sign Thomas

By Nicholas Harling

Daryl Thomas, the American who made such an impact on the Carlsberg League last season, is returning to Hemel/Watford Royals. The 6ft 7inch centre, whose average of 32 points and 10 rebounds per game earned him the Most Valuable Player of the season award, will replace Anthony Todd, the second American to be dismissed by the club in less than two months following the earlier departure of Jimmy McGill.

Todd, though, has gone out fighting. He learned that he was no longer wanted within hours of a dressing-room fracas with his compatriot, Lorenzo Duncan. The two Americans had squared up to each other at half-time on Saturday with Royals 46-28 down against Leicester City Riders and heading for their first league defeat since Todd's arrival 10 games ago.

That incident had no bearing on the action taken yesterday by David Titmuss, Hemel's coach. "The decision to release Todd came before we knew about Daryl's Thomas's availability," he explained.

Todd, aged 23 and 6ft 9in, who flies back to Las Vegas today, collected only 10 points in the 88-73 defeat by Leicester. He had averaged 22 points per game, but, significantly, only four rebounds, a department in which Titmuss obviously feels Thomas can improve.

Thomas became available only because he has failed narrowly, for the second time, to make the grade in the National Basketball Association. His previous failure, with Sacramento Kings, was followed by the new franchise, Miami Heat, excluding him from their final 20. Hemel's gain may well be Heat's loss.

Solent Stars, who are still looking for a new American, gained their first league win of the season — 110-104 against Olympic City Giants, who are still without a win.

Rangers' who took their league record to eight wins out of eight after humiliating Derby Rams 111-54, are giving David Murray good reason for retaining an interest in two league clubs, for the time being, at least. His first love, MIM Livingston, confirmed their dominance over Manchester Eagles by beating them 97-85 in Saturday's NatWest Trophy game of 56 fouls.

HOCKEY

Hurdle for Gymkhana

The pick of the fifth round matches in the Nationwide Anglia Cup to be played on December 11 is the meeting between Indian Gymkhana and Teddington, two teams in the forefront of national club competition (Sydney Friskin writes).

Of the 16 teams who survived the fourth round on Sunday, four, Guildford, Neston, Slough and Hounslow, have won the event formerly known as the Hockey Association Cup.

Hounslow, the first winners in 1972, have an away match against Wakefield. The quarter-finals will be played on February 19 and the semi-finals and final at Old Loughtonians club, Chigwell, on March 11 and 12.

FIFTH ROUND DRAW: Guildford v Ipsa: Havant v Richmond; Indian Gymkhana v Teddington; Old Loughtonians v Brean; Reading v Neston; Slough v Cambridge City; Tulse Hill v Bromley; Wakefield v Hounslow.

● John Hurst, of St Albans, has been brought in as a reserve goalkeeper for the Minet International match between Great Britain and the Best of Europe at Luton tomorrow. Ian Taylor will not play.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Wounded Bears reach play-offs

By Robert Kirley

The Chicago Bears beat the Green Bay Packers 16-0 and became the first National Football Conference team to gain a play-off position, but Chicago's victory was not without cost. The quarterback, Tomczak, and the leading pass rusher, Dent, sustained injuries that could end their season.

The Bears were not troubled by Green Bay, their long-time rivals, but they must now use their third quarterback, Harbaugh, because Tomczak incurred a separated shoulder. Dent sustained a fractured ankle. Anderson helped the Bears by gaining 139 yards and scored two touchdowns, one covering 80 yards.

The **Cincinnati Bengals** defeated the **Buffalo Bills** 35-21 in a game matching the best teams in the American Football Conference. The first-year fullback, Woods, gained 129 yards and scored three touchdowns and the halfback, Brooks, gained 93 yards and added two touchdowns to surprise the Bills' usually stalwart defence.

Esiason, of Cincinnati, hit 18 of 25 passes for 238 yards and a touchdown and Kelly, of the Bills, completed 24 of 35 passes for 265 yards.

The **Washington Redskins**, the defending Super Bowl champions, and the **Los Angeles Rams**, who lost their fourth successive game, fell closer to elimination from play-off contention. Four of the previous eight Super Bowl champions have failed to advance to the play-offs the following season.

Byner broke tackles and scored on a 27-yard run with less than two minutes to play and Mack rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown, giving the **Cleveland Browns** a 17-13 win over the Redskins, who lost for the third time in a row. Elway completed three scoring passes and rushed for another touchdown as the **Denver Broncos** beat the Rams 35-24.

McFadden kicked a 35-yard field goal with 21 seconds left to give the New York Giants a 13-12 victory over the New Orleans Saints. McFadden had never before kicked a game-winning field goal.

New York played without their regular quarterback, Simms, who injured a shoulder last week. Andersen accounted for the Saints' points by kicking four field goals.

RESULTS: Atlanta Falcons 17, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 10; Chicago Bears 16, Green Bay Packers 0; Cincinnati Bengals 35, Buffalo Bills 21; New York Jets 38, Miami Dolphins 24; Philadelphia Eagles 31, Phoenix Cardinals 21; Pittsburgh Steelers 16, Kansas City Chiefs 10; Cleveland Browns 17, Washington Redskins 13; Denver Broncos 35, Los Angeles Rams 24; Indianapolis Colts 24, New England Patriots 21; San Francisco 49ers 48, San Diego Chargers 10; New York Giants 13, New Orleans Saints 12.

American Conference

East division

	W	L	D	F	A
*Buffalo Bills	11	2	0	273	182
Indianapolis Colts	7	6	0	220	232
New England Patriots	7	6	0	217	242
New York Jets	6	6	1	277	272
Miami Dolphins	5	7	0	229	276

Central division

Cincinnati Bengals	10	3	0	325	261
Houston Oilers	9	4	0	326	224
Cleveland Browns	8	5	0	221	205
Pittsburgh Steelers	3	10	0	245	343

West division

Denver Broncos	7	6	0	272	272
Los Angeles Raiders	6	6	0	212	234
Seattle Seahawks	6	6	0	212	238
San Diego Chargers	4	9	0	177	276
Kansas City Chiefs	3	9	1	121	234

National Conference

East division

	W	L	D	F	A
New York Giants	8	5	0	314	275
Philadelphia Eagles	8	5	0	314	275
Phoenix Cardinals	7	6	0	303	305
Washington Redskins	6	7	0	221	324
Dallas Cowboys	2	11	0	213	317

Central division

†Chicago Bears	11	2	0	262	152
Minnesota Vikings	9	4	0	327	185
Detroit Lions	3	10	0	168	265
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3	10	0	223	325
Green Bay Packers	2	11	0	182	262

West division

New Orleans Saints	9	4	0	282	199
San Francisco 49ers	8	5	0	310	238
Los Angeles Rams	7	6	0	324	267
Atlanta Falcons	5	8	0	225	270

● Does not include last night's game: Seattle v LA Raiders.
*Clinched division title
†Clinched play-off position

FIXTURES: Sunday: Tampa Bay v Buffalo; Cleveland v Dallas; Detroit v Green Bay; Miami v Indianapolis; Minnesota v New Orleans; NY Giants v Phoenix; Cincinnati v San Diego; Atlanta v San Francisco; New England v Seattle; Philadelphia v Washington; Kansas City v NY Jets; LA Raiders v Denver; Houston v Pittsburgh. Monday: LA Rams v Chicago.

TENNIS

Top pairs lined up for Albert Hall bill

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The South-East's busy programme of five professional indoor events in seven weeks will end with the Nabisco Masters Doubles at the Albert Hall, from December 7 to 11. The field consists of the eight most successful pairs on the grand prix circuit.

Three partnerships with 1988 grand slam titles to their names will compete: Ken Flach and Robert Seguso (Wimbledon), Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez (United States), and Rick Leach and Jim Pugh (Australia).

The other teams will be Jorge Lozano and Todd Witsken, John Fitzgerald and Anders Jarryd, Piet Aldrich and Danie Visser, Kevin Curren and David Pate, and Marty Davis and Brad Drewett.

The corresponding singles event will be played this week in New York. The Association of Tennis Professionals, which is to run a circuit of its own from 1990 onwards, is considering a reversion to the former Masters system: a combined singles and doubles event to be played at a different location every year.

The other big tournaments of 1988 will be international team events: the Federation Cup competition (Melbourne, December 4 to 11), the Davis Cup final between Sweden and West Germany (Gothenburg, December 16 to 18), and the new Hopman Cup mixed team championship (Perth, December 28 to January 1). The top seeds in Perth will be Czechoslovakia: Helena Sukova and Miloslav Mecir.

The Prudential national championships, which ended on Sunday, were played at Queen's Club to mark the centenary of the Lawn Tennis Association, which has its headquarters on the site. Next year the event will move elsewhere, possibly back to Telford. It is difficult to find venues with enough courts and adequate ancillary facilities.

The sponsors took the event a step forward by lavish presentation and the inclusion of a variety of sideshows featuring former top players and the nation's junior champions.

Finally, a talking point for those interested in psychology. Valda Lake, runner-up for the women's title, tended to defer the moment of commitment by repeatedly bouncing the ball before serving. She often trespassed across the fine line between concentration and diffidence.

There are exceptions to every rule, but, in general, one suspects than any player who unduly defers the moment of commitment is more likely to be overcome by apprehension than to hit a decent shot. It is the same in other sports, not least rock-climbing. The climber who "freezes" before the next move is an obvious candidate for the shakes.

Salmon takes over from Durie in team

Julie Salmon, the Brighton player, will make her Federation Cup debut for Britain in Melbourne, from December 4 to 11.

Salmon, aged 23, has been called into the British team at short notice following the withdrawal yesterday of Jo Durie, who has a shoulder injury.

Durie was forced to withdraw from the semi-finals of the Prudential National Championships on Saturday because of her injury and has been having treatment since in an effort to retain her place in the team. But yesterday Durie told Sue Mappin, the British national women's team manager, that she will have to pull out.

Britain's team will now consist of Sara Gomer, of Torquay, Clare Wood, of Rustington, and Salmon Anne Hobbs, the British No. 1, is out of action with a shoulder injury and Sarah Loosemore, aged 17, is unavailable because of school work.

Salmon recently made her Wightman Cup debut for Britain when she played with Gomer in the doubles.

Optimistic wager

Ian Moo-Young, a businessman, aged 44, could win £2.5 million if he fulfils his prediction that he will win next year's Wimbledon, after placing £187 at odds of 50,000-1.

Moo, a 5ft 7in amateur Chinese mystic, said he would face the Wimbledon challenge "like a Samurai warrior", even though he does not play tennis regularly, does not have a coach, and has not actually started his Wimbledon training.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday December 3 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
2 Aston Villa v Norwich
1 Luton v Newcastle
1 Manchester U v Charlton
1 Millwall v West Ham
1 Nottm F v Middlesbro
X QPR v Coventry
2 Sheffield W v Derby
X Wimbledon v Sthampton
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Liverpool (Sunday); Everton v Tottenham

SECOND DIVISION
X Bournemth v Blackburn
1 Bradford v Birmingham
X C Palace v Man C
2 Hull v Brighton
X Ipswich v Plymouth
1 Oldham v Leicester
X Oxford v Barnsley
1 Portsmouth v WBA
1 Shrewsbury v Swindon
X Stoke v Chelsea
X Sunderland v Watford
2 Walsall v Leeds

THIRD DIVISION
1 Aldershot v Notts Co
1 Brentford v Bolton
1 Bristol C v Reading
1 Bury v Wigan
2 Chesterfield v Mansfield
1 Fulham v Bristol R
1 Gillingham v Chester
1 Huddersfld v Blackpool
1 Preston v Cardiff
1 Swansea v Sheffield U
Not on coupons: Northampton v Wolves (Sunday); Southend v Port Vale (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Burnley v Hartlepool
2 Darlington v Scunthorpe
1 Exeter v Colchester
X Grimsby v Scarborough
X Leyton O v Lincoln
1 Peterboro v Rochdale
1 Rotherham v Stockport
1 Wrexham v Carlisle
1 York v Hereford
Not on coupons: Halifax v Crewe (Friday); Torquay v Cambridge United (Friday); Tranmere v Doncaster (Friday)

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
1 Cheltenham v Chorley
2 Enfield v Kettering
1 Macclesfield v Stafford
X Maidstone v Barnet
2 Newport v Kidderminstr
X Telford v Sutton
X Yeovil v Altrincham

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Hamilton
1 Dundee v Hearts
X Hibernian v St Mirren
2 Motherwell v Celtic
1 Rangers v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Ayr v Meadowbank
X Falkirk v Clydebank
1 Forfar v Clyde
X Morton v Airdrie
2 Partick v Kilmarnock
2 Q of South v Raith
1 St Johnstne v Dunfrmline

SCOTTISH FA CUP FIRST ROUND
Not on coupons: Berwick v Alloa; East Fife v Spartans; East Stirling v Gala; Inverness v Dumbarton; Montrose v Arbroath; Stranraer v Stirling

STUDENT SPORT

Loughborough have depth

By Yuri Matischen

Duncan Rolley and Helen Walsh, of Swansea University, with three wins apiece, could not prevent Loughborough University from winning the British students' swimming championship at Darlington.

Rolley (4min 28.87sec) and Walsh (5:01.85), both of whom will be in action again next week swimming for Great Britain in the European Cup, swept the board in the 400 metres individual medley, both breaking British student records.

Rolley went on to win the 200 metres medley in 2min 08.67sec, then the 200 metres butterfly in 2min 05.06sec; Walsh, with equal consistency, took the 200 metres medley in 2min 22.62sec and the 200 metres breaststroke in 2min 37.86sec.

In all, four student records fell: John Bradley, of Bath University, set a new best time of 51.99sec in the 100 metres freestyle, after winning the 50 metres earlier, and Alison McKellican, his team-mate, broke the standard in the 50 metres breaststroke by nearly 0.8sec, with 35.66sec.

However, at the end of the day it was the strength in depth of Loughborough University that carried them to yet another victory in the overall team championship. With Mike Peyrebrune and Sean McQuaid putting in strong performances to help secure the men's title, and the women finishing a close second behind Swansea, the Loughborough swimmers looked more dominant than ever.

In this "all-sector" championship, Leeds Polytechnic took the BPSA overall title, finishing with three times as many points as their closest rivals, Trent Polytechnic. The colleges overall championship was closer, South Glamorgan just holding off Crewe and Alsager and St Paul's and St Mary's.

RESULTS: Men: Freestyle: 50m: J Bradley (Bath U), 24.06sec. 100m: Bradley, 51.99. 200m: S McQuaid (Loughborough U), 1mn 51.30sec. 400m: McQuaid, 4:05.70. 1,500: S Hanton (Leeds P), 16:38.90. **Backstroke:** 50m: S Rapley (Crewe and Alsager C), 27.89sec. 100m: B Winter (Swansea U), 1mn 01.86sec. 200m: M Peyrebrune, 2:10.33. **Butterfly:** 50m: E Stewart (Leeds P), 26.40sec. 100m: Stewart, 58.25. 200m: D Rolley (Swansea U), 2mn 05.06sec. **Breaststroke:** 50m: J Parrack (Leeds P), 30.79sec. 100m: J Lant (Sheffield P), 1min 08.45sec. 200m: Parrack, 2:29.02. **Individual medley:** 200m: D Rolley (Swansea U), 2:06.67. 400m: Rolley, 4:28.87. 4 x 50m freestyle relay: Swansea Univ, 1:38.13. 4 x 50m medley relay: Leeds Poly, 1:48.61. **Women: Freestyle:** 50m: N Kennedy (Nottingham U), 27.36sec. 100m: K Dieffenthaller (Sussex U), 1min 00.25sec. 200m: J Wilmot (Loughborough U), 2:05.93. 400m: Wilmot, 4:29.22. 800m: E Armstrong (Leeds P), 9:41.20. **Backstroke:** 50m: Armstrong, 32.56sec. 100m: Armstrong, 1mn 10.53sec. 200m: S Clements (Swansea U), 2:34.72. **Butterfly:** 50m: Kennedy, 29.52sec. 100m: Kennedy, 1min 04.17sec. 200m: L Wilson (Sunderland P), 2:18.44. **Breaststroke:** 50m: A McKellican (Leeds P), 35.66sec. 100m: J Morris (Newcastle P), 1min 18.97sec. 200m: H Walsh (Swansea U), 2:37.86. **Individual medley:** 200m: Walsh, 2:22.62. 400m: Walsh, 5:01.85. 4 x 50m freestyle relay: Warwick Univ, 1:54.88. 4 x 50m medley relay: Swansea Univ, 2:09.00. **Teams:** 1, Loughborough Univ; 2, Leeds Poly; 3, Swansea Univ. **Colleges:** South Glamorgan, Polytechnics: Leeds, UAU sprints: **Men:** Loughborough. **Women:** Swansea.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Third round replay
Oldham v Everton

Fourth round
Bristol C v Tranmere (7.45)
Luton v Manchester C (7.45)
Southampton v Tottenham

Barclays League
Second division
Bournemouth v Hull
Simod Cup
Second round
Millwall v Leeds

Sherpa Van Trophy
Preliminary round
Northern section
Burnley v Hartlepool
Carlisle v Scarborough
Grimsby v Rotherham
Wrexham v Sheffield Utd
Southern section
Brentford v Gillingham (7.45)
Cambridge v Peterborough
Mansfield v Notts Co
Swansea v Torquay

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry v Blackburn; Derby v Sheffield. Wednesday; Manchester City v Nottingham Forest (8.45). Second division: Middlesbrough v Bradford.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0): Charlton v Crystal Palace (Selhurst Park, 2.30); Chelsea v Millwall; Fulham v Tottenham; Ipswich v Portsmouth; Norwich v Southampton (7.30); Swindon v Watford; Wimbledon v Queen's Park Rangers (7.30).

CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cardiff v Bournemouth (2.0); Plymouth v Newport (7.45).

CLUBCALL CUP: First round: Leyton-Wingate v Hendon. Second round: Bromsgrove v Barnet; Dover v Barking (7.45); Morecambe v Marine; Runcorn v Caernarfon. Third round: Leytonstone-Ilford v Maidstone; Wealdstone v Sutton United.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich v Kingstonian. First division: Chalfont St Peter v Staines; Hitchin v Basingstoke; Walton and Hersham v Uxbridge; Woking v Kingsbury. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Tring; Heybridge v Witham; Letchworth v Vauxhall Motors. Second division south: Egham v Eastbourne United; Harefield v Molesey; Whyteleafe v Newbury. AC Delco Cup: Second round: Hungerford v St Albans.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Witton v Hyde. First division: Irlam v Droylsden.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westigate Insurance Cup: Second round, second leg (first leg score in brackets): Bath (3) v Merthyr Tydfil (4); Burnham (1) v Baldock (1); Gravesend and Northfleet (1) v Folkestone (2). Midland division: Gloucester v Bilston (7.45); Rushden v Banbury.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Weston-super-Mare; Chippenham v Radstock; Clevedon v Chard.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Wolverton v Maidenhead United; Wycombe Wanderers v Chesham.

CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Ellesmere Port and Neston v Vauxhall GM.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Finchley v Hayes.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: First round replays: Haywards Heath v Lewes; Horsham v Ferring.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Llanelli (7.15); Neath v Newbridge (7.0); Nottingham v Loughborough Students (7.15); Oxford University v London Scottish. Cancelled: Moseley v Fylde.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University LX Club v Oxford University Greyhounds (Grange Road, 3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlton challenge (Mansfield); Scotland v China (Larkhall).

BOXING: Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Derek Williams v Young Haumona and Commonwealth welterweight championship: Gary Jacobs v Richard Rova (Albert Hall); Light heavyweight contest: Tony Wilson v Yves Monsieur (Bel) (Trafford Park, Manchester).

SKATING: Skate Electric British figure championships (National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham).

SQUASH RACKETS: InterCity National championships (Bristol).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5-6 p.m.: National Football League: Highlights of Cincinnati Bengals v Buffalo Bills, Denver Broncos v Los Angeles Rams and New Orleans Saints v New York Giants (repeated at 11.35 p.m.).

BADMINTON: C4 12.35-1.35 a.m. (semi-final from the Guild Hall, Preston.

ICE SKATING: ITV 11.35 p.m.-12.30 a.m.: Skate Electric British figure championships from the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

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FOOTBALL

Royle aims to reach dizzy heights against his old club

By Ian Ross

The second division side, Oldham Athletic, will tonight seek to improve, at the expense of Everton, a record in Cup competitions which, by their manager's own admission, is "abysmal".

A Littlewoods Cup fourth round tie against Bradford City at Valley Parade is the prize awaiting the winners of tonight's replay and despite a lifelong allegiance to Everton, Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, is keen to compound the well documented problems of his opposite number, Colin Harvey.

"I still keep in touch with my friends at Everton and Colin regularly visits our ground to watch matches. But, having said that, it would give me great pleasure to see Oldham Athletic move forward into the next round of this competition," Royle said.

"Our record in the major cup competitions really is abysmal. We never seem to be capable of reproducing our League form in the Littlewoods and FA Cups. A place in the fourth round would represent dizzy heights for us," he added.

Royle has delayed finalizing his side until after he checks on the fitness of Marshall and Bunn. Marshall, a former Everton player, has not played since damaging an ankle in the first game three weeks ago and Bunn, Oldham's leading scorer this season, is troubled by an Achilles tendon injury.

Harvey seems likely to name the same side which defeated West Ham United at Upton Park on Saturday. Ratcliffe and Southall, the Welsh international pair, have recovered from knee and hand injuries respectively and will play.

The former England midfield player, Ricky Hill, is back in contention for a place in the team of the holders, Luton Town, in their fourth round home tie with Manchester City. Hill has missed two games with a knee injury.

The Belfast-born defender, Gerald Taggart, aged 18, is included in a squad of 16 by Manchester City. The England Under-21 defender, Andy Hinchcliffe, is serving the second of a three-match suspension, leaving a vacancy at left back.

Southampton will field an unchanged team for the eighth successive match when they face Tottenham Hotspur at the Dell in their fourth round match. Southampton are unbeaten in nine matches. The Northern Ireland international forward, Colin Clarke, and the summer signing, Paul Rideout, are again left out, although Rideout may be named as one of the substitutes.

Joe Jordan, the manager of Bristol City, has injury problems before his side's tie with Tranmere Rovers, of the fourth division, at Ashton Gate.

The central defenders, John Pender and Glenn Humphries, and the full backs, Andy Llewellyn and Chris Honor, are all doubtful. Gary Stanley, the former Everton and Chelsea player who is on a monthly contract, is certain to play.

Tranmere will be without their suspended winger, John Morrissey. The midfield player, Jim Harvey, who has a hamstring injury, and the goalkeeper, Eric Nixon, who is recovering after having 12 stitches after a leg injury, face late fitness tests.

Paul Collins, aged 20, who made his debut at Stockport on Friday, will again keep goal if Nixon is ruled out.



Ratcliffe: certain to play for Everton after an injury scare

BADMINTON

England to act against absentees

England will take disciplinary action against any players who withdrew, without good reason, from the Carlton Vauxhall Scottish open tournament which ended in Edinburgh yesterday.

The manager, Paul Whetnall, has been subjected to abuse from the Scots and will conduct his own investigation into why 15 England players pulled out of the grand prix tournament.

He promised: "We will put our house in order. If I find any player pulled out without a satisfactory reason, I will recommend the Badminton Association of England takes strong action."

The Scots intend complaining to the International Badminton Federation and Whetnall wants to see the world governing body given wider powers to cope with what he feels is an expanding problem.

The Commonwealth champion, Steve Baddeley, and the Canadian champion, Steve Butler, were among those who pulled out. The Scots will take a keen interest in whether the pair recover fitness to take part in the Carlton Vauxhall exhibition circuit this week.

England supplied half the singles finalists, but Nick Yates was overwhelmed by Morten Frost, of Denmark, and Fiona Smith allowed Christine Magnusson, of Sweden, to come from behind to win.

Gitte Paulsen, the Danish international, is still detained in an Edinburgh hospital after being hit in the eye by a shuttle.She withdrew from the women's and mixed finals, giving England's Gillian Clark and Sara Sankey a walkover win

RUGBY LEAGUE

Murphy's charm works again for lucky Saints

By Keith Macklin

The special lucky charm that Alex Murphy keeps for cup draws worked again for him yesterday, as St Helens, the holders of the John Player Special Trophy, were given yet another helpful draw, entertaining Wakefield Trinity in the quarter-finals on Sunday. finals.

This follows a trip to play York, of the second division, in the first round, and a home tie against Hull last Sunday. In both games, The Saints struggled but still got through, and home advantage on Sunday may well be enough to provide them with a springboard for victory against a Trinity squad which is beginning to find life hard in the first division.

Two of the clubs who might be expected to give St Helens trouble meet at Naughton Park on Saturday. Widnes, the favourites, face the rapidly-improving Warrington in what will surely prove a typical battle between close neighbours and intense rivals.

Leigh, the sole surviving second division club, have to travel to play Bradford Northern, who won a narrow victory at Castleford. Leigh are proving themselves far superior to all other second division sides and play such attractive open football that they are not incapable of a surprise.

Northern will have received an enormous boost from beating the first division leaders without their two stay-away stars, Phil Ford and Brendan Hill.

In the remaining tie, Hull Kingston Rovers, who hope to have David Bishop fit again, entertain Wigan. Had the match been at Central Park, Rovers would have feared the worst, but they must have at least a faint chance of winning on their own ground against a Wigan team which, like St Helens, are stumbling from match to match with mixed performances.

There will be an attendance limit of less than 9,000 for the Hull KR v Wigan tie, which will displease Wigan, who have a huge army of travelling supporters.

QUARTER-FINALS: Hull KR v Wigan; Widnes v Warrington, St Helens v Wakefield Trinity; Bradford Northern v Leigh. Matches to be played on December 3 or 4.

● The Rugby League is to create a new senior position of marketing executive at their Leeds headquarters. The new executive will have responsibility for product licensing, video sales and souvenir marketing throughout the game.

The new appointment will be the League's second senior appointment of the season, following Fred Lindop, the former Test referee, being given the newly-created job as controller of referees.

● Oldham, desperate to drag themselves off the foot of the first division, are chasing John Fieldhouse, the £95,000 transfer- listed St Helens and former Great Britain forward.

Tony Barrow, the manager, is keen to have Fieldhouse in his Oldham side for Sunday's rearranged match at Halifax, and he would also like to sign the Castleford pair, David Rookley and Gary Hyde, with £10,000, in addition to the £40,000 offer he has already had rejected.

FA grants reprieve until 1992

The future of England's semi-professional national team has been secured for the next four years. The international side, which has lost only six of its last 31 games, has received a budget from the Football Association which will enable it to continue up to 1992 at least.

The decision follows the appointment of Ron Reid, the assistant manager at Boston United, as assistant to the team manager, Tony Jennings.

● David Poole, the Bognor Regis utility player, will miss the FA Cup second round tie at home to Cambridge United through suspension. He was sent off in a Sussex Senior Cup game on Saturday and his ban comes into force on December 10, the date of the tie.

FA VASE: Third round draw: Harrogate v Borrowash; Whickham v Dunston; Ossett v Brigllington; Emley v Guiseley; Garforth v Rossendale; North Ferriby v Mutton; Ilkeston v Northfield; Paget v Louth or Wythenshawe; Halesowen v Heanor; Gresley v Tamworth; Estwood v Poulton; Vauxhall GM (Cheshire) v Holbeach; Brigg v Boldmere St Michaels; Braintree v Finchley; Chesham v Bury Town; Berkhamsted v Wisbech; Harlow v Tilbury; East Thurrock v Great Yarmouth or Felixstowe; Burnham v Haverhill or Selby; March v Sudbury; Hailsham v Darenth; Burgess Hill v Chertsey; Hungerford v Eastbourne; Wick v Epsom and Ewell; Hounslow v Corinthian; Havant v Camberley; Abingdon v Thatcham; Bashley v Moreton; Paulton v Clevedon or Devizes; Welton v Mangotsfield or Yate; Romsey v Bridport; Tiverton v Radstock or Chippenham.
Matches to be played on Saturday, December 17.

Wilkinson applies factory standard

By Martin Searby

It is 50 days since Howard Wilkinson became the manager of Leeds United. In that period, which is already longer than either Brian Clough or Jock Stein had the job, he has guided the club to their most successful run for three-and-a-half years, winning four and drawing five League matches.

There have been no additions to the personnel at Elland Road: the players responsible for the club's early-season plight are those who have restored the club's fortunes.

Wilkinson said: "I asked the players for a month before any judgements were made, by me or of me, and I have to say each and every one has responded magnificently.

"I pointed out that you can get up in the morning, go to work and go through the motions, or you can think about your profession and try and be the best at it. I don't know any professional people outside football who are successful without concentrating 100 per cent on their careers."

Wilkinson felt it was the right time to leave Hillsborough. "I thought I'd done as much as could be achieved with the resources available," Wilkinson said. "If you want to be up there with the Liverpools you must have international-class players, and with the greatest respect in the world, selling platers don't win the Derby."

Support at Hillsborough was never sufficient to generate the funds needed in the transfer market today and undoubtedly the opportunities are greater at Leeds where even a hint of a winning team is worth attendances over 30,000. The average gate this season is already the best in the division.

"Leeds is a city of a million people, with one club and obviously enormous potential," Wilkinson says. "Football may be theatre, entertainment, a passion. But as a club we are a football factory and our product has to be good enough to compete in the market and earn the profits."

A yardstick of how far Leeds have progressed in a short time comes in tonight's Simod Cup fixture at Millwall, but a greater test of their potential for promotion comes in holiday fixtures with Blackburn Rovers at home and a visit to Manchester City.

"To go up this season would be a double miracle, if there is such a thing. Sides slip down the table far easier than they go up it and you have to look at the number of points you are averaging per game and judge it by the figure achieved by the leaders," he said.

By that standard, Wilkinson may yet achieve what even the most diehard Leeds supporters accept as the impossible.

SQUASH RACKETS

Beeson is the one to beat

By Colin McQuillan

Bryan Beeson, the man who appeared from nowhere to contest the first national championship final sponsored by InterCity in 1984 and won the title against most expectation in 1986, has emerged this week in Bristol as favourite to win the last InterCity title in a championship distorted by a weekend of seedings collapse.

Beeson, aged 28 and originally from Gateshead, faces a quarter-final match tonight against Paul Carter, in the top half of the men's draw which lost its balance when Del Harris, the Essex teenager who lifted the title as ninth seed last year, withdrew with a viral infection.

Carter has progressed to meet Beeson as a sixteenth seed far more competent, willing and determined than eight of those listed above him.

Long criticized as the most awkward and obstructive of England's top players, this Hertfordshire champion has improved both his movement and his racket work this year to the point of looking much the smoother performer when dispatching Stephen Meads, the British under-21 champion. Meads, in turn, earlier removed, Geoff Williams, the fourth seed.

In the players' dressing room wagering, however, Beeson is odds-on favourite to defeat Carter in much the way he beat Danny Meddings in the third round, winning 10-9, 9-0, 9-2 in 15 minutes. He then comes to a semi-final against either Robert Owen or Nigel Stiles.

Owen, a spasmodically brilliant young player long overdue for a tournament breakthrough, is granted an outside chance of success by the player-pundits.

Interestingly, the second seed, Stuart Hailstone, the Zimbabwean-born South African resident registered as a Scottish player, figures nowhere in the dressing room odds despite his 4-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-7 56 minute removal of Martin Bodimeade from the third round.

The old money is on Briars or Philip Kenyon, who shared six titles in nine finals from 1977, coming through the bottom half of the draw. The younger generation is backing Jason Nicolle, the British under-23 champion, to remove Hailstone and then emulate Harris, his Ardleigh Hall national league colleague, by scooping the senior national title in the same season as his junior success.

RESULTS: Third round: Men: B Beeson (Northumbria) bt D Messenger (Surrey) 10-9, 9-0, 9-2; J Nicolle (Hampshire) bt A Davies (Wales) 9-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-5; S Hailstone (Scotland) bt M Bodimeade (Berkshire) 4-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-7. Women: S Wright (Kent) bt J Parker (Yorkshire) 6-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-1; A Cumings (Surrey) bt S Foster (Normanns) 9-2, 9-2, 9-1; D Vardy (Nottinghamshire) bt N Fryer (Middlesex) 9-2, 9-4, 9-1.

● Illness has forced Del Harris to postpone a planned 10-match challenge series against Jahangir Khan, the world champion, which was scheduled to begin in Bristol on Sunday.A new programme has been arranged to start at Lambs Club, London, on Friday, January 13.

RUGBY UNION

Sentiment rules selection

By George Ace

The Ulster selectors have once again allowed their hearts to rule their heads. How else could they have arrived at the composition of the team to play Munster at Thomond Park, Limerick, on Saturday?

That it will be a tough forward battle is beyond question. For Ulster to leave out players of the calibre of Steve Smith, Willie Duncan and Peter Millar suggests only one line of thought: we have won both provincial matches this season without them and it is only fair that the men who have brought Ulster to the brink of a fourth outright championship in five seasons are given the opportunity to finish the job.

Thomond Park is not an arena to approach simply with hope in the heart, but rather with fire in the belly. So many things have happened in Munster rugby of late, and to their captain Donal Lenihan, that they will be more determined than ever to go one better than at Ravenhill last year when they achieved an honourable draw.

Trevor Ringland is almost certain to miss the match. He faced a fitness test last night on a damaged hamstring in his left leg. If Ringland is forced to withdraw, Kenny Hooks, the Ards winger who won a cap against Scotland in 1981, will take over.

● Steve Smith, the Ballymena and Ireland hooker whose name has been linked with Bath and London Irish recently, is remaining in Ballymena for the immediate future. Smith has accepted an appointment from a London sports outfitting company to be their Northern Ireland representative.

SWIMMING

Australian event cancelled

By Steven Downes

Britain's preparations for the next world championships were thrown into disarray yesterday by the cancellation of an international meeting in Australia.

Australia Swimming yesterday called off the World Cup event in Perth on January 6 to 8 because few top-class swimmers were prepared to make the long journey so soon after Christmas. Yet at least eight Britons were willing to make the trek down under, led by Nick Gillingham.

British officials wanted to use the trip to look at facilities for the 1991 world championships, to be staged in Perth. Yesterday, though, the first reaction of Derek Stubbs, England's director of swimming, was: "We just can't go now. There's no point in going all that way if they can't have a swim."

The cancellation is an obvious blow to Fina, the governing body, in its attempt to make its first World Cup a global affair. Sources suggest that the cause of the cancellation is money, since World Cup hosts are obliged to pay the travel expenses of visiting teams

● The 1989 TSB England senior squad, named yesterday, includes two new caps, Joanne Deakins and Guy Bulpitt.

TSB ENGLAND SENIOR SQUAD 1989: Men: K Boyd (S Tyneside), G Bulpitt (Birmingham), C Cockcroft (Leeds), S Dronsfield (Leeds), M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), N Gillingham (Birmingham), T Jones (Birmingham), N Metcalfe (Leeds), A Moorhouse (Leeds), J Parrack (Leeds), G Robins (Portsmouth), A Rolley (Gloucester), D Rolley (Univ Swansea), I Wilson (Sunderland). Women: T Atkin (Lincoln), H Bewley (Univ Swansea), S Brownsdon (Wigan), J Couli (Birmingham), J Deakins (Gloucester), C Foot (Millfield), M Hohmann (Wigan), K Mellor (Sheffield), S Page (Stockport), K Pickering (Ipswich), K Read (Norwich), M Scarborough (Portsmouth), D Tubby (Birmingham).

Brazilians quickly on target

Overseas football by Keith Blackmore

The World Cup finals in Italy may still be 18 months away but three Brazilians are already beginning to dominate the European scene. Careca, in Italy, Balazar de Morais, in Spain, and Romario de Farias, in The Netherlands, are enjoying outstanding form. The first two are the leading scorers in their respective leagues and the third has averaged a goal a game since joining PSV Eindhoven last month.

Careca has scored seven goals this season, three of them last week to help Napoli beat Juventus 5-3. Then, on Sunday, a crowd of 80,000 turned up at the San Paolo stadium in Naples to see Napoli beat AC Milan 4-1. Maradona opened the scoring for Napoli in the 42nd minute and Careca added the first of his two goals before half-time.

The result keeps Napoli in second place, two points behind Inter Milan, who beat Cesena. Zavarov, the Soviet midfield player, was sent off as his team, Juventus, beat Lecce.

In Spain, Balazar scored twice as Atlético Madrid beat John Toshack's team, Real Sociedad. The second was Balazar's twelfth goal of the season, a performance which has carried Atlético, and their manager, Ron Atkinson, to the fringes of a championship race dominated, as usual, by Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Lineker scored twice and made another as Barcelona beat Real Murcia 3-1 but the best match of the Spanish programme, a 3-3 draw, took place in the Bernabéu stadium, where Real Madrid three times surrendered a lead to Athletic Bilbao.

Romario, who scored three times last week, failed to shine on Sunday, as PSV lost to Fortuna Sittard. The decisive goal was scored for Fortuna by John Clayton, whose talents will be familiar to supporters of his previous clubs, Derby County, Chesterfield, Tranmere Rovers and Plymouth Argyle.

Bayern Munich, who were beaten 2-0 by Inter in the UEFA Cup in midweek, recovered their touch in the West German first division, beating Nuremburg, thanks to a remarkable goal, scored with an overhead kick, by Wegmann. The win extended Bayern's unbeaten league run to 16 games and gave them a five-point lead at the top.

In France, Jesper Olsen, recently of Manchester United, made his first appearance for Bordeaux as they went down at home to the league leaders, Paris Saint-Germain. Auxerre, in second place, kept up the chase by beating Laval and opening a seven-point gap between themselves and the next club, Marseille. Mo Johnston scored for Nantes as they beat Caen.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

AUSTRIAN: Sturm Graz 0, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Vorwaerts Steyr 1, Linz ASK 0; FCS Tirol 3, Rapid Vienna 1; St Pölten 1, Admira Wacker 2; Austria Vienna 8, Graz AK 0; Vienna Sportclub 0, Vienna 0. Leading positions: 1, FCS Tyrol, played 21, 31pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 21, 29; 3, Admira Wacker, 21, 28.

BELGIAN: Saint Trudon 2, Cercle Brugge 1; Anderlecht 2, Beveren 0; FC Mechelen 2, Standard Liège 0; Antwerp 1, Waregem 1; Lierse 1, Charleroi 1; Kortrijk 0, Beerschot 0; FC Liège 7, RC Mechelen 1; Lokeren 1, RWDM 1; FC Bruges 3, Ganz 0. Leading positions: 1, FC Mechelen, played 16, 27pts; 2, Anderlecht, 16, 25; 3, FC Liège, 16, 25.

BULGARIAN: Beroe 1, Etur 0; Lokomotiv Sofia 0, Vitosha 2; Chemo More 6, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1; Slivan 0, Minyor 0; Pirin 2, Dounav 0; Lokomotiv Gryazhitsa 3, Spartak 2; Trakia 4, Vratsa 0; CFKA Sredets 4, Slavia Sofia 1. Leading positions: 1, CFKA Sredets, 14, 24pts; 2, Trakia, 14, 19; 3, Etur, 14, 17.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Spartak Trnava 1, Sparta Prague 2; Banik Ostrava 2, Inter Bratislava 0; Skoda Plzen 4, Slavia Prague 2; DAC Dukla Prague 0, Plastika Nitra 2; Slovan Bratislava 3, TJ Vitkovice 2. Leading positions: 1, Sparta Prague, played 14, 24pts; 2, Banik Ostrava, 14, 21; 3, Plastika Nitra, 14, 18.

DUTCH: PEC Zwolle 3, Feyenoord 4; Veendam 0, Venlo VV 0; Willem II 1, RVV Den Bosch 3; Fortuna Sittard 1, PSV Eindhoven 0; Roozendaal KC 3, Haarlem 1; Roda JC 1, Groningen 1; Twente Enschede 0, FC Utrecht 0; Sparta Rotterdam 1, MVV 1; Ajax 2, Volendam 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 15, 29pts; 2, Fortuna Sittard, 14, 19; 3, Ajax, 14, 18.

FRENCH: Marseille 1, Lille 1; Strasbourg 0, St Etienne 1; Nantes 3, Caen 1; Mans Racing 0, Sochaux 2; Cannes 3, Monaco 2; Bordeaux 0, Paris St Germain 1; Laval 0, Auxerre 1; Lens 1, Toulouse 1; Nice 3, Montpellier 3; Metz 1, Toulon 2. Leading positions: 1, Paris SG, played 20, 43pts; 2, Auxerre, 20, 42; 3, Marseille, 20, 35.

GREEK: PAOK Salonika 5, Ethnikos 1; AEK Athens 3, OFI Crete 0; Doxa 0, Heraklis 2; Olympiakos 3, Levadia 1; Kalamaria 0, Panathinaikos 3; Diagoras 0, Larissa 0; Volos 2, Apollon 1; Panionios 2, Aris Salonika 0. Leading positions: 1, PAOK Salonika, played 10, 15pts; 2, Heraklis, 10, 14; 3, AEK Athens, 10, 14.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers 2, Shelbourne 2; Derry City 3, Bohemians 0; Galway Utd 2, Cork City 1; St Patrick's Ath 0, Athlone Town 0; Watford Utd 1, Limerick City 2; Dundalk 1, Shamrock Rovers 1. Leading positions: 1, Derry City, played 14, 22pts; 2, Dundalk, 14, 21; 3, St Patrick's Ath and Limerick City, 14, 19.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 0, Pisa 1; Atalanta 0, Pescara 0; Bologna 0, Lazio 0; Fiorentina 0, Sampdoria 0; Inter Milan 1, Cesena 0; Juventus 3, Lecce 0; Napoli 4, Milan 1; Roma 1, Torino 3; Verona 0, Como 0. Leading positions: 1, Inter Milan, played 7, 13pts; 2, Napoli, 7, 11; 3, Sampdoria, 7, 11.

PORTUGUESE: Benfica 2, Chaves 1; Porto 1, Braga 0; Setubal 2, Sporting 2; Espinho 1, Feirense 1; Guimaraes 1, Penafiel 1; Portimonense 2, Boavista 1; Maritimo 1, Amadora 2; Farense 2, Setubal 1; Belenenses 1, Nacional 1; Labraes 1, Beira Mar 1. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, played 14, 22pts; 2, Porto, 14, 21; 3, Sporting, 14, 20.

ROMANIAN: SC Bacau 5, Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 4; Victoria Bucharest 2, Rapid Bucharest 1; FCM Brasov 1, Dynamo Bucharest 3; Otel Galati 2, Universitatea Cluj Napoca 2; ASA TG Mures 1, Corvinul Hunedoara 2; Steaua Bucharest 3, FC Olt 1; FC Farul Constanta 1, Universitatea Craiova 0; FC Bihor Oradea 2, Arges Pitesti 0; FC Inter Sibiu 1, Flacara Moreni 0. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Bucharest, played 14, 28pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 14, 23; 3, Victoria Bucharest 14, 19.

SPANISH: Real Madrid 3, Athletic Bilbao 3; Elche 0, Oviedo 1; Osasuna 1, Malaga 0; Gijon 1, Cadiz 0; Real Sociedad 1, Atletico Madrid 2; Betis 1, Sevilla 3; Valladolid 0, Celta 1; Barcelona 3, Murcia 1; Valencia 1, Espanol 1; Zaragoza 1, Logrones 1. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 12, 20pts; 2, Barcelona, 12, 19; 3, Seville, 12, 16.

SWISS: Lugano 0, Lausanne 2; Grasshoppers 2, Bellinzona 2; Servette 0, Lucerne 1; Sion 2, St Gallen 2; Wettingen 2, Neuchâtel Xamax 2; Young Boys 4, Aarau 0. Leading positions: 1, Lucerne, played 20, 26pts; 2, Grasshoppers, 20, 25; 3, Bellinzona and Sion, 20, 22.

WEST GERMAN: Werder Bremen 3, SC Karlsruhe 1; St Pauli 0, FC Cologne 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1, SV Hamburg 2; Stuttgart Kickers 3, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Bayern Munich 1, FC Nuremberg 0; Hansa 2, Wfl Bochum 2; Borussia Dortmund 6, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, VfB Stuttgart 2. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, played 16, 25pts; 2, Werder Bremen, 15, 20; 3, FC Cologne 16, 20.

YUGOSLAV: Partizan Belgrade 1, Spartak Subotica 1 (Spartak won on pens); Sloboda Tuzla 2, Celik Zenica 0; Vojvodina Novi Sad 1, Radnicki Nis 0; Sarajevo 1, Rijeka 2; Osijak 1, Red 1 (Osijek won on pens); Buducnost Titograd 1, Vardar Skopje 1 (Buducnost won on pens, 4-3); Hajduk Split 4, Velez Mostar 0; Dinamo Zagreb 3, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1; Napredak Krusevac 1, Red Star Belgrade 0. Leading positions: 1, Vojvodina, played 14, 19pts; 2, Hajduk Split, 14, 17; 3, Dinamo, 14, 17.

CRICKET

Oval tries out wear-free run-ups

Crumbling footholds, the bane of life for bowlers and groundsmen alike since cricket began, could become almost extinct if experiments by Surrey are a success next summer (Richard Streeton writes).

A pitch on the main square at the Oval now has a loosely knitted, protective carpet laid an inch below the surface and covered by the usual loam dressing and seeds. The carpet, made from a synthetic substance known as polypropylene, allows the grass to grow through it but means that the crucial grass roots are protected.

Harry Brind, Surrey's ground controller, said: "We shall only use this pitch in minor matches but if this experiment works, it could be a wonderful asset. Worn footholds are always a major problem. We are also installing the new type of protection under the run-ups in our nets."

Notts Sport, the first responsible for polypropylene, have already installed it to protect goalmouth areas at the practice grounds of several Football League clubs and also under the approach paths to Stonehenge.

JUDO

Seven bronze medals won by the juniors

The British team returned from the European Junior championships in Vienna yesterday with a clutch of bronze medals, four from the men and three from the women (Nicolas Soames writes).

This augurs well for the future men's team, particularly the bronzes by Ryan Birch, who armlocked Milorada Desjnik, of Yugoslavia, and looks like being a real contender in the senior rankings, and that of Nigel Donohue.

The women's medal tally, compared with the two golds, a silver and three bronzes won last year, was disappointing.

RESULTS: Men (under 21): Bantamweight: G Giovinazzio (It), gold. N Donohue (GB), bronze. Featherweight: S Kotesnikov (USSR), gold, J Tancock (GB), bronze. Lightweight: S Dott (WG), gold. G Edwards (GB), bronze. Light middleweight: A Magnendov (USSR), gold. R Birch (GB), bronze. Middleweight: L Vilar (Sp), gold. Light-heavyweight: F Borkowski (WG), gold. Heavyweight: D Khakhalelchvil (USSR), gold. Women (under 18): Bantamweight: B Strzalkowski (Pol), gold. Featherweight: J Urbanska (Pol), gold. E Summers (GB), bronze. Lightweight: M Smolen (Pol), gold. J Sintain (GB), bronze. Light middleweight: B Ledman (Fr), gold. Middleweight: J Pellejero (Fr), gold. C Cohen (GB), bronze. Light heavyweight: U Werderouck (Bel), gold. Heavyweight: O Tarassowa (USSR), gold.

ICE HOCKEY

Durham stretch their run with goal spree

By Norman de Mesquita

Durham Wasps are back on song and, following two draws, registered double-figure wins over Nottingham Panthers and Peterborough Pirates at the weekend to take their unbeaten run this season to 22 games.

The only apparent danger to their running away with the premier division of the Heineken League comes from a familiar quarter: Murrayfield Racers. They also had two double-figure successes, and have now won their last six matches, scoring 67 goals in the process.

In contrast, Streatham Redskins had yet another fruitless weekend in Scotland; their losing run has now reached 12. They can glean some compensation from the impending arrival of a new import and the continuing poor form of Solihull Barons, who also lost twice in Scotland and are only five points ahead of the Redskins.

There were no surprises in the first division, with Cleveland Bombers maintaining their unbeaten record and the usual quota of one-sided games. They included double-figure scores for Medway Bears, who stay in first place. Trafford Metros, Slough Jets and Cardiff Devils.

John Lawless, who is responsible for the establishment of ice hockey in Cardiff, had a goal and six assists in the win over Romford Raiders and reached 600 first division points.

The Devils lifted the season's first title, winning the second leg of the first division Autumn Trophy, in spite of a spirited attempt by Medway Bears to overcome the five-goal deficit they inherited from the first leg.

The Bears scored twice in 29 seconds in the first period, but could not sustain this form and had to accept defeat by 6-4 on the night and 15-8 on aggregate.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins 13, Solihull Barons 3; Fife Flyers 9, Streatham Redskins 4; Nottingham Panthers 4, Durham Wasps 12; Peterborough Pirates 7, Murrayfield Racers 12, Durham Wasps 13, Peterborough Pirates 2; Murrayfield Racers 14, Solihull Barons 2; Tayside Tigers 14, Streatham Redskins 10; Whitley Warriors 9, Ayr Bruins 7. First division: Cleveland Bombers 10, Swindon Wildcats 4; Slough Jets 14, Deeside Dragons 5; Sunderland Chiefs 6, Glasgow Eagles 9; Cardiff Devils 11, Romford Raiders 4; Medway Bears 15, Deeside Dragons 2; Richmond Flyers 5, Telford Tigers 10; Trafford Metros 11, Lee Valley Lions 9.

CYCLING

Curran joins Bilton

Paul Curran, the double Commonwealth Games champion, and the country's leading amateur road racer, yesterday signed to compete as a professional next year (Peter Bryan writes).

He joins Percy Bilton, the team sponsored by the West London industrial building company, on a two-year contract as a replacement for John Herety, who has retired to become the team's manager.

Curran, of Stockton, said: "Unusually for me, I haven't had any second thoughts about making the move. I'm sure it's the right one."

For the last four years he has won the Star trophy, awarded to the most consistently-placed rider in nine selected events. Curran returned from a non-cycling holiday last week and is training for a local race on Christmas Day.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MADRID: Casilleja-Jose Cano Trophy, 12km road race: 1, G Staines (Belgrave Harriers), 33min 24sec; 2, W Muoyoki (Kenya), 33.45; 3, S Jones (Newport Harriers), 33.54.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Sunday: Portland Trailblazers 102, Golden State Warriors 94; Cleveland Cavaliers 109, Miami Heat 80.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia 76ers	9	4	.692	—
New York Knicks	8	4	.667	½
New Jersey Nets	7	7	.500	2½
Boston Celtics	6	7	.462	3
Washington Bullets	4	7	.364	4
Charlotte Hornets	2	10	.167	6½
Central division				
Detroit Pistons	7	2	.833	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	8	3	.727	1½
Atlanta Hawks	7	6	.538	3½
Chicago Bulls	6	6	.500	4
Milwaukee Bucks	5	5	.500	4
Indiana Pacers	1	11	.083	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	9	3	.750	—
Utah Jazz	8	3	.727	½
Denver Nuggets	8	4	.667	1
Houston Rockets	8	5	.615	1½
San Antonio Spurs	4	7	.364	4½
Miami Heat	0	10	.000	8
Pacific division				
Los Angeles Lakers	8	3	.727	—
Portland Trail Blazers	7	5	.583	1½
Los Angeles Clippers	6	6	.500	2½
Seattle Supersonics	5	6	.455	3
Golden State Warriors	5	7	.417	3½
Phoenix Suns	5	7	.417	3½
Sacramento Kings	1	9	.100	6½

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group C: (in Trapani, Sicily): Italy 104, Hungary 56.

SPEED SKATING

EAST BERLIN: World Cup: Men: 500 metres: 1, U-J May (EG), 38.10sec; 2, K-T Bae (S Kor), 38.58; 3, A Bezrukov (USSR), 38.81. 1,000m: 1, May 1min 18.35sec; 2, Bae 1:18.95; 3, J Zheleznovski (USSR), 1:19.09. 5,000m: 1, E Flaim (US), 7min 12.19sec; 2, M Speelmann (EG), 7:12.22; 3, T Gustafsson (Swe), 7:16.17. Women (all East German): 1, A Hauck; 2, C Rothenburger-Luding, 1,000m: Hauck 1min 22.40sec; 2, G Klaemann 1:22.71. 3,000m: 1, Klaemann 4:23.63; 2, H Schelling 4.28.78. Klaemann.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: Western Australia 268 and 131. South Australia 325 and 75 for seven (W B Phillips 23, D W Hookes 18; T M Alderman 5-29). South Australia won by three wickets. Hobart: New South Wales 225 and 157 for one (M Waugh 100 n.o., J Dyson 53 n.o.). Tasmania 340 (R Soule 99, D M Bean 98, B Cruse 64; G F Lawson 3-63). Match drawn.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: EK'82 26, Birkenhead 29; Manchester United SSS 22, Strathclyde Univ 10; Kirkby Select 25, Wakefield 19; Leicester'73 25, Great Dane 29, Wrekin Hallewood Town 12, Wakefield Mexicos 19. MIDLAND LEAGUE: Men: Droitwich Wasps 14, Leicester Tornados 27; Aston Univ 10, Yago School 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Sunday: Washington Capitals 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Buffalo Sabres 7, Philadelphia Flyers 3; New York Rangers 5, New York Islanders 3; Vancouver Canucks 5, Los Angeles Kings 2.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
New York Rangers	12	8	3	27	94	81
Pittsburgh Penguins	12	10	0	24	105	101
Washington Capitals	11	10	2	24	94	83
New Jersey Devils	8	11	4	20	74	87
Philadelphia Flyers	9	15	1	19	92	96
New York Islanders	7	13	2	16	68	88
Adams division						
Montreal Canadians	13	9	3	29	56	88
Boston Bruins	10	9	5	25	81	69
Buffalo Sabres	19	12	2	23	97	100
Quebec Nordiques	8	13	2	18	84	104
Hartford Whalers	8	12	1	17	71	80

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Detroit Red Wings	12	7	4	28	82	86
Toronto Maple Leafs	11	12	1	23	83	91
St Louis Blues	8	9	3	19	68	78
Chicago Black Hawks	6	14	4	16	66	115
Minnesota North Stars	5	13	4	14	68	93
Smythe division						
Calgary Flames	15	4	3	33	97	56
Los Angeles Kings	15	8	0	30	133	98
Edmonton Oilers	13	7	3	29	93	65
Vancouver Canucks	11	11	4	26	86	78
Winnipeg Jets	9	7	3	21	79	76

AUTUMN TROPHY: Final: Second leg: Cardiff Devils 8, Medway Bears 4 (Cardiff win 15-8 on aggregate).

LACROSSE

BRUNE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Heaton Mersey 13, Stockport 16; O Wacomans 6, Gheazdle 18, Rochdale 5, O Hulmeians 12; Sale 12, Sheffield Univ 8; Sheffield 5, Timperley 5.

MOTOR RACING

TAMPA, Florida: European Group C sports cars events: 1, G Brabham, (Aus) and J Morton (US), Nissan GTP-ZXT, 2, C Larrauri (It) and M Sigala (It), Porsche 962, 3, P Cobb (US) and J Weaver (GB), Porsche 962.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: George Wimpey British Open championships: Singles, first round: M Clothier bt N Smith (Queens), 6-5,

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Television's matchmakers fail to score

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The television public has been let down. Ever since ITV claimed the right to cover live League football at the extravagant price of £11 million a year, viewers were led to believe that the picture this season would be better, bigger and brighter. So far, the promise has not been fulfilled.

The Match, supposedly fresh and innovative, is presented in the same tired, format as its predecessor. *Big* may have been deleted from the title but little of note has been inserted into the programme to justify the publicity that preceded the opening show a month ago.

The fish-eye lens at the foot of a stanchion offers an insight into no more than the texture of the grass and the construction of the net. The camera looking across the edge of the penalty area, hardly a new idea, has yet to shed light on any significant incident.

Abbreviated interviews with players as they leave the pitch at half-time are inevitably uninformative as the truncated conversations with the man of the match. The interval is illuminated by the previous day's first division goals but they appear as briefly as targets on a fairground rifle range.

The presentation itself is equally basic. The audience is pushed immediately into the game at 3 p.m. and pulled as swiftly out of it two hours later. The package, instead of being loosely wrapped in colourful imagination, is squeezed tightly into a brown paper bag.

Unlike the BBC, which will benefit from the natural excitement and tension of FA Cup ties, ITV should at least attempt to dress up its product. League fixtures are not only comparatively meaningless. They can also be dull, such as the goalless yawn between Newcastle United and Manchester United on Sunday.

The BBC chose to challenge them directly for the first time. The BBC showed a snooker final at the same time. A spokesman will not be the only one to be "interested in the viewing figures" to discover how many followers of sport preferred to watch events from Preston rather than St James' Park.

ITV, hoping optimistically for an audience of eight million, has initially attracted fewer than six million. If expectations are to be reached, *The Match* will have to be treated in a much more adventurous fashion. The coverage of football has for too long been as meagre as the facilities for spectators who do attend matches.

As the national game, football deserves no less than to be seen in a substantially more appealing light. Yet, unlike American sports, it was not seemingly designed for the small screen. There are no natural breaks in the action, which is unfolding at an increasingly bewildering speed.

But there is a way in which ITV could lift the programme into the modern era. In delaying transmission by an hour, it would have time to linger over replays of key incidents and discuss their significance; it could technically be as dramatic a revelation as the American football shows on Monday nights in the United States.

The presentation there is enthralling. The preview includes visual evidence of the potential that lies ahead. Given the time, ITV could have preceded *The Match* on Sunday with a few spectacular volleys from Mark Hughes, for instance, although recent examples of a Newcastle goal would have been more difficult to locate.

The game itself could have been illustrated with slow-motion replays, with cameras isolating influential players, with views from innumerable different angles and especially with explanations of decisive incidents. Through the use of "a chalkboard", moves in American football are analysed in graphic detail. Why not here?

With the assistance of a knowledgeable commentator, viewers could see for themselves how a forward, by drifting momentarily away from his marker for example, found the necessary room in which to score. Such enlightenment has never before been provided in England. Nor can it be if transmissions are genuinely live.

The pauses are inconveniently short. During the televised game at Sheffield Wednesday, for instance, the picture of delight and relief in Tottenham Hotspur's dugout as Paul Stewart struck could not be included for several minutes. By then the impact of the reaction to his goal had passed.

Some may feel cheated that the "live game" that they are watching is in effect an hour old. Yet if those responsible for *The Match* were allowed to take advantage of the possibilities, the programme could hardly fail to be much more compelling than it is now.

Having spent the money, all £44 million of it, it defies belief that ITV has not considered giving more time or more thought to the outcome. So far neither the company nor the game nor the public could be said to have had a fair deal.

END COLUMN

Leading ladies refuse to submit

From Linda Pentz
Los Angeles

Do not weep yet for the passing careers of Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, so recently eclipsed by the ascended star of Steffi Graf and the rising one of Gabriela Sabatini. Their careers are not yet over; nor are they likely to be in the near future.

Still ranked second and third in the world respectively, Navratilova and Evert's playing careers constitute the longest running rivalry in women's tennis — their first encounter was in 1973. It is one that is not ready to die.

They have played a total of 80 times in tournament competitions, but on Sunday they met in one of their infrequent exhibition matches: a contest won by Evert on a slow, indoor carpet under dim lighting, 7-6, 7-5.

Theirs is a combination which continues to charm both their supporters and themselves. And, in the years to come, when the two players' competitive clocks finally tick a little slower, it may be a spectacle more often on view.

Navratilova, aged 32, and Evert, a year older, will have played only six head-to-head exhibitions in the year by the time 1988 comes to a close. But Navratilova envisages a time when that number could be multiplied tenfold.

"Maybe one day we'll do one of those farewell tours like Bjorn Borg," Navratilova said. She was referring to the multi-city tour the five-times Wimbledon champion conducted across the United States when he retired at the age of 26.

Unlikely to retire at the same time

Navratilova and Evert, complete with strobe lights and dry ice? "It would be nice to play one last time and just enjoy it," Navratilova said. "It wouldn't be for money. It would just be to show people 'this is what you're going to miss' — that could be fun."

The travelling Chris-Martina roadshow may never materialize, however, since Evert anticipates retiring before her rival is ready to quit the game.

"We probably won't retire at the same time since Martina has told me she'll play three to five more years," Evert said. "I think at most it's one or two more years for me. Plus I'd have to be in shape even for exhibitions. I don't want her to beat me 6-2, 6-1; and once I retire I don't want to have to work every day in practice, either."

Consequently, the two will likely combine a few exhibitions with regular competitions prior to Evert's retirement. And with the pair lurking just behind Graf in the rankings, the likelihood of such confrontations remains as strong as ever. And as competitive.

"When I play Martina, anywhere — if I would play her in a park — there is still the competitive fire," Evert said. "You have to be alert and aggressive every point or she'll get on top of you."

Graf and Sabatini there as targets

Neither player believes they have been permanently usurped by the Graf-Sabatini rivalry. Evert, for one, sees Navratilova and herself back in the No. 1 and 2 slots, in either order.

"I don't think it's impossible," Evert said. "On a fast court, Martina can beat Steffi. We'll be fighting Steffi and Gabby; and Gabby's right up there with us."

Navratilova agrees. "I think anything's possible," she said. "I know I have the game to beat Steffi. My problem is getting to play her. The way the circuit works, I don't have a chance to play her."

Although the Grand Dames are not yet ready to hand over power to the upstarts, they concede that the Graf-Sabatini rivalry is a potentially appealing replacement.

"If Martina and I had retired a few years ago, women's tennis would have been in big trouble," Evert said. "But it's strong now. Steffi and Gabby make a very attractive rivalry."

Not too attractive, however, to replace Evert and Navratilova in the hearts and minds of tennis lovers who were there to witness their encounters.

"If Martina and I retire," Evert said, tellingly avoiding the "when" word, "I'd like to think that we had put something into tennis; and that it would miss us just a bit."

Wimbledon take steps towards a better reputation

A Football Association committee yesterday praised Wimbledon for what it described as the "marked improvement" in the club's disciplinary record during a three-month period of probation this season.

Wimbledon, the FA Cup-holders, were fined £5,000 in August and put on probation following their seventh successive annual appearance before the FA. They were represented at Lancaster Gate yesterday by Stanley Reed, their chairman, and Bobby Gould, their manager.

An FA spokesman said that the committee, comprising the chairman, Geoff Thompson (Sheffield FA), the vice-chairman, Jack Hayward (Essex FA), and the FA vice-president, Ernest Brown, had decided that no further action was necessary: "The committee noted the marked improvement in field offences during the first three months of the season — in fact, Wimbledon have the eighth-best record to date in the League.

"At this stage last season Wimbledon had accumulated a total of 9.2 points, representing 40 bookings, yet at the comparative stage this season they have 40 points, a total of nine bookings." But the spokesman added: "The situation will continue to be closely monitored during the remaining months of the season."

The committee's decision to take no further action comes despite recent incidents involving Wimbledon. In August, Jones, the midfield player, was sent off during a pre-season match. Earlier this month the same player attracted criticism for a tackle in which Stevens, of Tottenham Hotspur, was injured. Wimbledon are also awaiting the outcome of a charge against their forward, Fashanu, of bringing the game into disrepute.

This was brought by the FA this month following an incident involving the Manchester United full back, Anderson, who has also been charged.

After the hearing yesterday, Gould said he had started his campaign to improve discipline after his side's draw at Chelsea in November 1987, in which two Wimbledon players, Carlton Fairweather and Brian Gayle, were sent off, and four others were booked.

Gould said: "The committee was very happy with the progress we have made. Since the Chelsea game I have imposed a fine system for players booked or sent off." Gould added: "The committee congratulated me on what I have achieved so far but it's got to be perfect and there is still plenty of room for improvement."

Gould also took the opportunity to say that he hoped shortly to sign the Polish international midfield player, Detze Kriszynski, from the West German club, Homberg 08.

Gould said: "He has been training with us for a month now. He is an aggressive and competitive player and we have been very impressed with him."

Davis back with dignity intact

Bobby Robson, the England manager, praised Paul Davis for his dignity yesterday as he welcomed the Arsenal midfield player back to the international fold after suspension.

Davis was ruled out of selection against Sweden and Saudi Arabia because of a nine-match ban imposed by the Football Association after television cameras had caught him breaking Glen Cockerill's jaw in a game against Southampton.

Robson said: "Davis took his punishment with a bit of dignity; he took it on the chin and didn't squeal. It was a severe ban, but he didn't talk in public about it and that impressed me."

"In that sense he behaved very responsibly and was also a credit to his club. He has served his sentence and is still part of my plans. Now he's got to get back fit and to get into the Arsenal team."

Davis, who completed his ban last week, will come into consideration for the international against Greece in February. He returned to action in the reserves against Southampton on Saturday but doubts if he will be fit enough to start the televised match against Liverpool at Highbury on Sunday.

"I tired towards the end of the Southampton game and I don't want to think about Liverpool at this stage, but it's important that the team bounces back quickly after losing a couple of games."

● BRUSSELS: The Heysel stadium, where 39 people died in rioting before the 1985 European Cup final, will be demolished by the end of next year and replaced a spokesman for the Belgian football union said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Error by Fulton profits Conway

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway was a class ahead of the 10 challengers for her British ice figure skating championship at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, yesterday. She was placed first in the compulsories by a comfortable margin by all seven judges.

There was, however, a big surprise among the lower placings, for Gina Fulton, second last year in both the figures and overall, was placed only fifth, and that after pulling up two places with her loops.

With the lower value of the figures, Conway now has a lead of 0.4 points over Louise Wooster (Richmond), 0.8 over Jackie Soames (Queens) and 1.2 over Tracy O'Connor (Sunderland). Fulton is 1.6 behind.

Conway, who was attended by a doctor on Sunday because of a virus she picked up in the United States, was full of beans yesterday. In spite of problems with the ice, because of oil in the system which left a "pebbledash" finish, she executed fine counters and her loops were only marred by her catching an edge on repeating her tracing on the uncertain ice.

Fulton, too, has her problems and is striving to shake off the after effects of glandular fever. Even so, she was unhinged more yesterday by an attack of nerves. How else to explain that she was so precise in warm-ups and so tense in competition? "I just froze", she said. Wooster skated well, with never a mark below 3.0.

The significance of Fulton's climb from seventh to fifth place is that it put her among the last group to skate in today's original programme. She goes last but one and may therefore be able to make a tactical decision about the degree of severity of her combination jump.

Christian Newberry, of Solihull, made first strike for the men's championship left vacant by the defection of Paul Robinson to the professional ranks. He has a wise head guiding him in Ann Crompton.

Charles Wildridge, another of Cousins's pupils in California, was second and is thus handily placed to capitaliz on his superior freeskating, so long as his brittle temperament holds.

RESULTS: Women (after figures): 1, J Conway (Sunderland) 0.4 placements; 2, L Wooster (Lee Valley), 0.8; 3, J Soames (Queens), 1.2; 4, T O'Connor (Sunderland/Ashfield), 1.6; 5, G Fulton (Sunderland), 2.0; 6, L Danskin (Nottingham/Ashfield), 2.4. Men (after figures): 1, C Newberry (Solihull/Lee Valley), 0.4; 2, C Wildridge (Unattached), 0.8; 3, M Renard (Billingham/Stirling), 1.2; 4, D Reynolds (Swindon), 1.6; 5, A Moore (Oxford), 2.4; 6, M Kerr (Ayr), 2.0. Pairs (original programme): 1, C Peake and A Naylor (Bracknell), 0.5; 2, L Cushley and N Cushley (Teesside), 1.0.

● Midori Ito, of Japan, made ice figure skating history at the NHK contest in Tokyo by completing the first flawless triple axel seen in a women's competition. One judge, the East German, gave the 19-year-old a perfect technical mark of 6.0, the others all 5.9.



Cold comfort: Gina Fulton keeps her gloves on during yesterday's practice in Birmingham

Warren is left out of pocket by McGuigan venue change

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

A Barry McGuigan contest should be a promoter's dream, but the former world champion's final warm-up on Thursday for his world title bout in February has turned into a nightmare for Frank Warren.

Because of objections by the local authority, Warren has had to move the bout against Julio Miranda, of Argentina, from Mudchute Farm, Isle of Dogs, to Pickett's Lock and that Warren said yesterday would leave him with a loss of £120,000.

"I am looking at my biggest-ever loss. I did not want to postpone it because I am locked into contracts and it could affect the world title fight we have lined up for Barry on February 18. I will have to treat the loss as an investment."

Apart from the cost of moving, Warren has the headache of finding room for more than 2,000 people who have already booked tickets in a hall that holds only 2,000 and dealing with returned tickets from those who do not want to go to the new North London venue.

"We'll think of something," Warren said. "Those who do not want to go to Pickett's Lock will have their money refunded. If everybody turns up at the new venue some will have to watch the bout on a screen for £10 in an adjoining hall that holds 1,800 people."

In the middle of all this, Miranda arrived on Sunday after an 18-hour journey from Buenos Aires via New York. But his manager, Tito Lectoure, who once managed Carlos Monzon, is confident that the journey, Miranda's first outside Argentina, will not affect his performance.

Lectoure admitted that his man was not a heavy puncher but warned his was a good boxer who had won 29 of his 34 contests and is Argentina's super-featherweight champion.

"McGuigan is a good fighter and a good puncher and the best Miranda has ever faced" Lectoure said.

● In the High Court yesterday Mr Justice Popplewell was told that Warren and the Mudchute Farm Association had decided not to proceed with the application for judicial review of Tower Hamlets Council's refusal to grant a licence.

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Schneider sets the early pace

From Iain Macleod
Les Menuires, France

After an uncertain start in the super giant slalom in Schladming on Saturday, the powerful Swiss women had their first success yesterday when Vreni Schneider won the first World Cup giant slalom of the season.

Schneider, the world and Olympic champion, negotiated the 45 gates in her two runs on the Stade de Slalom piste in a combined time of 2min 03.83sec.

The victory emphasized that Schneider has shaken off the effects of an injury sustained towards the end of last season in Aspen.

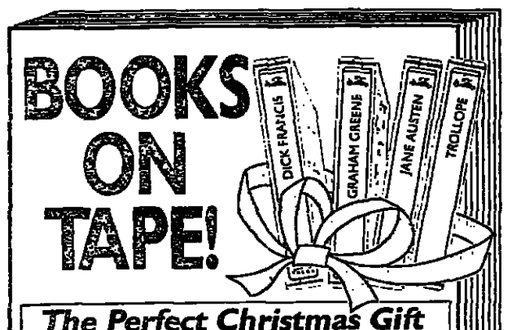
Schneider has always harboured one overriding ambition: to win the World Cup overall title. Two years ago her compatriot, Maria Walliser, snatched it from her in the last race.

Striving last season to atone for that disappointment, Schneider was encouraged in Aspen to take part in the downhill to disastrous effect. Having won the Olympic slalom and giant slalom titles in Calgary, Schneider had an horrific crash.

Torn knee ligaments and an operation were the end products. Schneider was convalescing at home when another Swiss skier, Michela Figini received the coveted crystal goblet.

Yesterday, as four Swiss racers, Walliser and Figini included, aborted their runs, Schneider added 25 points to the seven gained in Schladming.

RESULTS: 1, V Schneider (Switz), 2min 03.83sec; 2, A Wachter (Austria), 2:03.92; 3, U Maier (Austria), 2:04.37; 4, C Guignard (Fr), 2:04.51; 5, B Fernandez Ochoa (Sp), 2:04.74; 6, M Svet (Yug), 2:04.86; 7, T Haecher (WG), 2:06.27; 8, M Gerg (WG), 2:06.55; 9, H Barbier (Fr), 2:06.64; 10, K Dedier (WG), 2:06.70; 11, S Eder (Austria), 2:06.95; 12, J Kindle (Liech), 2:07.40; 13, I Salvenmoser (Austria), 2:07.51; 14, P Kronberger (Austria), 2:07.58; 15, V Sarac (Yug), 2:07.68.
WORLD CUP: =1, Maier and Wachter, 35pts; 3, Schneider, 32; 4, Merle, 26; 5, Haecher, 19; 6, Gerg, 18. Overall (giant slalom): 1, Schneider, 25; 2, Wachter, 20; 3, Maier, 15; 4, Guignard, 12; 5, Fernandez Ochoa, 11; 6, Svet, 10.



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Club make Clough available

By Dennis Shaw

Brian Clough is available as a consultant to assist the England team manager, Bobby Robson, with the full blessing of Nottingham Forest. Maurice Roworth, the Forest chairman who declined to allow Clough to take up the post of part-time manager of Wales, is prepared to offer his manager's services.

Clough, who recently voiced his interest in taking charge of the England B team, would be eager to take up his chairman's suggestion.

"The job of England consultant is ideal for him," Roworth said. "We felt the Welsh job would have been more than part-time, but this would be entirely different."

The Forest chairman believes that the FA made a mistake in not offering Clough the job of England manager 11 years ago, but could now partly rectify this by engaging him for the 1990 World Cup.

"They had a golden opportunity in 1977 but did not take it," he said. "Now they could call on him to assist Bobby Robson whenever they wanted. If they were to appoint Brian in this capacity, it would not detract from the power of the manager."

Roworth takes the view that to introduce Clough to the England scene, at present so depressed, would be a huge psychological fillip.

"He would give the whole country a tremendous boost," he went on. "His involvement would also provide a lift for the England players. Brian Clough is the most qualified man in England to do this job. In my view he would be a terrific asset at international level."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Training for charity

Graham Gooch, Duncan Goodhew, Andy Ripley, Judy Simpson and Eugene Gilkes, are to take part in a series of celebrity workshops next month at the Barbican fitness centre, in London, to raise £10,000 for the Sports Aid Foundation.

Tasman rescue

Mike Quilter and his crew of New Zealanders were rescued last night, five days after their disabled trimaran, Steinlager I, lost a large section from one of its floats mid-way across the Tasman sea.

Hayles hailed

Michael Hayles, of Bracknell, is ready to win his first cap for the England basketball team in the European championship match against The Netherlands at the G-Mex centre, Manchester tomorrow.



Ripley: charity workshop

Ranking swap

Seve Ballesteros and Greg Norman exchanged positions at the top of the 1988 Sony golf rankings list, with Sandy Lyle moving to third, just ahead of Nick Faldo.

German team

Hanover — Boris Becker, Eric Jelen, Carl-Uwe Steeb and Patrick Kuchnen have been chosen to play for West Germany against Sweden in the Davis Cup final in Gothenburg (December 16-18).

Tout's double

Mark Tout completed a double at the British bobsleigh championships at Igls, Austria, by adding the four-man title to the two-man event he won last week. The Wincanton driver and his Army crew of Lenny Paul, Audley Richards and Dave Armstrong recorded the fastest times on all three runs to finish 0.96sec ahead of Tom De La Hunty, with Nick Phipps third.

Real success

Morris Clothier, the United States amateur champion, defeated Neil Smith, a professional at Queens Club, 6-5, 6-5, 1-6, 6-4 in the first round of the British Open real tennis singles championship, at Queens Club yesterday.

New chairman

Phil Weaver, aged 40, a Coventry professional, is to be the new chairman of the Professional Golfers' Association. Weaver takes over from Derek Nash next March.